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‘Good kid’ remembered at vigil

Hartford shooting victim recalled as loving son with a big smile

By Alex Putterman
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — The Rev. Henry Brown looked upward toward the storm clouds Saturday afternoon in Hartford and welcomed the rain. “We need spiritual rain,” Brown said. “We need to wash away some of this violence.” Brown was on hand at the corner of Bedford and Mather streets for a prayer vigil in honor of Jermaine Davis, a 33-year-old Hartford resident who died

Monday in a drive-by shooting. Dozens of prayer candles decorated the ground near where Davis was shot, and family members taped his photo to the black fence of an adjacent church. “We are out here to remind people that Jermaine Davis was loved,” said Brown, whose organization, Mothers United Against Violence, organized the vigil. “We come out here to let people know that we are striving for justice for Jermaine Davis.” Brown was joined by about

two dozen mourners, including members of Davis’s immediate family. Davis’s mother, Ora Gunn, remembered her son as “a lovely kid,” who was quiet and liked to keep to himself. “Jermaine bothered nobody,” Gunn said. “He was a good kid. He never gave me no problems when he was young.” Gunn said Davis had called to check in on her Sunday night. He’d told her he was outside, and she’d

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Mourners left prayer candles and photos at the site where Jermaine Davis, 33, was shot and killed in Hartford. Family members remembered Davis as “a good kid.” **ALEX PUTTERMAN/HARTFORD COURANT**



The plan to demolish and rebuild the Martin Luther King Apartments in Hartford's Sheldon/Charter Oak neighborhood could be delayed for months as construction and borrowing costs have risen in the wake of the pandemic. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

MLK apartments stalled as costs soar

Key Hartford redevelopment project may be delayed for months

By Kenneth R. Gosselin
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — The ambitious redevelopment of the deteriorating Martin Luther King Apartments near downtown — expected to start this spring — could now be delayed for months as surging construction and borrowing costs have left the project with a \$5 million financing hole. The cost of plans to raze and rebuild the low- and moderate-income rentals in the Sheldon/Charter Oak neighborhood and blend them with market-rate units in a larger, dramatically redesigned complex — has climbed to about \$58 million.

“The sources of funding are limited, there are not that many places to go,” said Emily Wolfe, executive director of the complex’s owner and developer Sheldon Oak Central, a Hartford-based housing nonprofit. “There is a lot of support for this project and, so, everyone is rolling up their sleeves and figuring out what we can do.” The redevelopment of the aging apartment complex would represent the final major piece of a revitalization puzzle envisioned in the 1990s to strengthen Sheldon/Charter Oak, just a short walk from downtown. The neighborhood has been transformed by the revitalization of the

once-decaying Colt manufacturing plant, the Capewell Horse Nail Co. factory, the Dutch Point housing complex, Dillon — now Trinity Health — Stadium and the Sport and Medical Sciences Academy, a magnet middle and high school. The rising costs to redevelop the MLK Apartments on Van Block Avenue are a striking example of how the fallout from the pandemic has disrupted the supply-chain of construction materials and pushed up their prices. “The supply chain crunch will remain for the foreseeable future so that makes it

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‘I don’t have to worry’

Initiative offers money for legal aid for those facing deportation

By Alex Putterman
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Without a lawyer, Aurencia Arreaga Ramirez is sure she would have been deported. Ramirez, a native of Guatemala, was stopped and briefly detained at the U.S.-Mexico border in 2019. When she was released, she moved to Hartford, where she struggled to find an immigration attorney who would take her case. Again and again, she was told there was nothing anyone could do, that she would inevitably be sent back to Guatemala. But Ramirez happened to arrive in Connecticut just as Hartford was preparing to launch an effort to provide legal representation for all residents facing deportation. She was connected with lawyers from New Haven Legal Assistance, who gladly took on her case and soon convinced a judge to let her to remain in the United States with her two daughters. Now, Ramirez can move through life in Hartford without looking over her shoulder. “I feel happy, freer, with less stress,” Ramirez said in Spanish. “I don’t have to worry about going to court, about immigration [enforcement], about having to leave the country.” Hartford’s universal representation program, which began last year and is currently serving about 15 residents, is the first of its kind in Connecticut and one of only a small number nationwide. The officials behind it say the initiative is a way to more proactively help immigrants in the city who may be facing deportation. “It was an opportunity for us to address an unmet need,” said Thea Montenez, the city’s chief

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‘A lot of unknowns’ about data centers

Questions regarding local rules bog down plans to bring them into state

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

Plans to bring data centers, the digital information storehouses outfitted with tax breaks in Connecticut legislation fast-tracked last year, are getting snagged by a tangle of questions about

local rules. The General Assembly last year overwhelmingly approved the legislation that Gov. Ned Lamont quickly signed into law providing tax incentives to lure developers of data centers. The intent was to compete with other states and spark development of the sites used for data of all kinds: medical, economic, demographic, financial, government records and countless other uses.

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Climate measures raise hopes for environmentalists

A coalition of environmental groups is hopeful that a slew of bills, all of which have advanced out of committee, will pass the state House and Senate before the end of the year’s short legislative session on May 4. **SUNDAY CT, PAGE 1**

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Opponents cited costs to taxpayers who will finance 30-year tax breaks and the stress on the state's energy grid.

The legislation came with a sense of urgency, to compete with New Jersey, which was considering ways to jump-start data center development. The Garden State ultimately balked at providing tax breaks and the "conversation quieted down significantly," said David Lehman, Connecticut's economic development commissioner.

More than a dozen data centers have expressed interest in "doing something in the state or elsewhere, and we're educating them about the state," he said. "We're playing the long game with this law."

The trouble now is closer to home.

Data center developers are struggling to get their footing in the new marketplace, and municipalities are figuring out land use and other rules.

"There are a lot of unknowns about this use," said Kevin Pagini, Wallingford's town planner. "We've been researching for months and months."

Noise concerns

Wallingford, with its own municipal utility that generates electricity at a lower price than what's offered by Eversource Energy and United Illuminating, is drafting regulations to accommodate data centers. Municipal utilities in Groton, Norwich and Wallingford are a selling point to data centers that require tremendous amounts of power.

Planners are learning that data centers are nothing like condos, shopping centers, warehouses and office buildings that typically take up their time. Pagini said he's hired specialists, spoken to other municipalities with data centers and is "doing as much research as possible."

A sound engineer was hired to help planners draft regulations to respond to potential concerns about noise such as constant humming from data centers, electrical substations and emergency generators that operate 24/7, he said.

Mike Grella, chief operating officer at Gotspace Data Partners, said Wallingford's low decibel limit would rule out a data center, demonstrating that communities don't understand data centers.

The town of Groton recently halted efforts to negotiate a host agreement with a data center developer. Town Councilor Aundré Bumgardner said his concerns focused on possible impacts on air quality from diesel generators.

Glenn Pianka, Bozrah's first selectman, said applicants for a data center did not follow up and the town dismissed the proposal, which may be resubmitted.

Spokesman Chris Riley said Norwich Public Utilities has had preliminary discussions with a few data center developers he did not identify. "The pandemic slowed things down," he said.

Links between data centers, finance and insurance

State legislation authorizes the Department of Economic and Community Development to sign tax incentive agreements with qualified data centers for 20- or 30-year terms, depending on the size and location of the data center investment.

A data center's owner would have to spend at least \$50 million to qualify if the center were in a federal opportunity zone or an enterprise zone and \$200 million if it were built elsewhere.

"I'm disappointed we haven't been able to make more progress," said Fred Carstensen, a University of Connecticut finance and economics professor who has been a vocal supporter of data centers he says will more strongly link Connecticut with the world economy that's dependent on digital transactions.

"If you're in insurance and finance, you have to have powerful data centers," he said. "You need to have the data here to keep the jobs here."

State Sen. Heather Somers, R-Groton, is bullish on data centers and urges patience.

"It's not just like a data center can snap its fingers," she said.

Corporate decision-makers must settle on a site, land acquisition deals have to be executed and municipalities must go

through public procedures before officials agree to host the data centers, Somers said.

She said she hopes to see "some significant movement" by summer or fall.

With or without Connecticut, the global market for internet data centers is expected to more than double over seven years. Its size was estimated at \$59.3 billion in 2020 and is projected to grow to \$143.4 billion by 2027, according to "The Internet Data Centers — Global Market Trajectory and Analytics."

Grella said he is closing on a round of funding and on land parcels before he approaches towns with data center proposals.

"We're going to hold back ... if it's half baked," he said.

Aging population and 'fear of the unknown'

Grella said he did not want to say how long it will be before he has an agreement with a town to build a data center, but that it could be in the next year. He said Connecticut's tax incentives are "among the most aggressive" in the U.S., but developers, site selectors and project managers are not familiar with the law.

"Connecticut really has put itself in a durable advantage and position of strength relative to its mid-Atlantic peers," he said. "The big issue right now is communities don't understand what data centers are about."

State Sen. Cathy Osten, D-Sprague, said real estate agents are pushing forward on land purchases without interest shown by data centers.

"The middle man is coming in, buys real estate and works with data centers," she said. "It should be the opposite. A data center of such and such a size will work with you. That's not been the case."

Tony Sheridan, president and chief executive officer of the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut, said Connecticut is "getting to be an older state" with more retirees and "people fearful of the unknown."

"The key is finding the right location for them," he said.

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operating officer. "In addition to being supportive of those folks who are undocumented, both themselves and their families, it was also an opportunity for us to a leader within the state."

The idea for the initiative began in 2020, when a Working Families Party councilmember, Wildaliz Bermudez, urged city leadership to apply for a grant from the Vera Institute of Justice. The city did not ultimately receive the grant funding but decided to proceed with the effort anyway, allotting \$100,000 to the program.

Hartford entered into a contract with New Haven Legal Assistance, which already had experience representing people facing deportation.

Proponents of the universal representation program say it is vital in a city with a large population of immigrants who are here without proper authorization. According to the American Immigration Council, Connecticut was home to about 120,000 immigrants without documentation as of 2016, accounting for about 4% of the state's total population.

Though Hartford is a sanctuary city, meaning local law enforcement doesn't collaborate with federal immigration enforcement, residents without documentation still sometimes wind up detained and facing deportation.

Alexis Smith, executive director of New Haven Legal Assistance, said access to an attorney — which is constitutionally guaranteed in criminal but not immigration cases — is often particularly important for immigrants who may not speak much English and often aren't familiar with the American legal system.

"If you look at the statistics, having a lawyer increases the likelihood of you prevailing in your cases kind of exponentially," Smith said. "A lot of those issues that we find in the legal system generally, those concerns and obstacles are heightened for people who are immigrants."

Josh Michtom, a Working Families Party city councilmember who supports the universal representation program, said he views the initiative as a way to push back against federal immigration policies he sees as arbitrary and immoral — as well as a way to spare families and communities from the economic burden of fighting a deportation case.

"If a breadwinner is suddenly in detention, that throws a family into chaos," Michtom said. "A lot of times it's an extended network of support that is suddenly turned upside down."

The universal representation program, Michtom said, "is a way we can affirmatively support our [undocumented] residents."

City officials have attempted the raise awareness of the program through an information session at the Park Street branch of the Hartford Public Library, through the Commission on Refugee and Immigrant Affairs and through organizations such as Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services, or IRIS, and Hartford Deportation Defense.

Those involved with the universal representation program say there's still room for the initiative to grow. Smith said New Haven Legal Assistance never turns away a Hartford resident facing deportation but sometimes can't provide the full and thorough representation its lawyers might like to provide.

Additional funding, either from Hartford or from outside donors, would allow the organization to preserve its current services while also expanding what it can offer.

"Some cases require expert witnesses, some cases require other kinds of ways to show the evidence that we need, to really make our case as robust as possible," Smith said.

Montenez acknowledged that Hartford's universal representation initiative is not as robust as it could have been if the city had managed to secure grant money, but said the city will continue to seek outside funding for the program, with hopes of expanding it in the future.

"Whether it's through the Vera Institute or maybe other organizations that are also committed to doing this work, there may be other funding opportunities that we can pursue as well," she said.

For Ramirez, the immigrant who was allowed to stay in Hartford after help from New Haven Legal Assistance lawyers, the value of the universal representation program is self-evident.

Without it, she said, she wouldn't be here.

"I would have been deported ... because all other lawyers told me they couldn't do anything," Ramirez said. "I would be [back] in my country."

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Amid chaos, a ‘child of war’ is born

Expectant mothers in Ukraine face personal battles

By Andrew E. Kramer
The New York Times

KYIV, Ukraine — Before the war, Alina Shynkar’s gynecologist advised her to avoid stress during her pregnancy, suggesting she spend time “just watching cartoons and being silly.” It was simple enough advice, but not so easy to follow after air raid sirens wailed, artillery booms rattled windows and vicious street fighting broke out a few miles away from her maternity hospital.

Then, keeping calm for her baby became Shynkar’s quiet, personal battle in the Ukrainian war. She checked into Maternity Hospital No. 5 in the capital, Kyiv, before the war began in late February for bed rest because of a risk of preterm labor, only to witness the hospital unravel into a chaotic, panicked state weeks later.

“The girls were under so much stress they started to deliver” prematurely, she said. Doctors in her hospital moved frightened pregnant women, some already in labor, in and out of a bomb shelter multiple times a day. Some were crying and some were bleeding.

“They were scared,” Shynkar recalled. “It was hard to see.”



A mother holds her newborn on March 2 in a makeshift maternity ward of a hospital in Kyiv, Ukraine. **LYNSEY ADDARIO/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

The Russian assault on Ukraine has been a nightmare for expectant mothers, particularly in cities like Mariupol, Kharkiv and Chernihiv that have been under almost constant bombardment from the beginning of the war.

In Mariupol last month, Russian artillery struck a maternity hospital, resulting in the death of a pregnant woman and wounding a number of others, according to Ukrainian authorities.

Women in war zones throughout the country have been forced to give birth in cold, decrepit basements or subway stations crowded with people

cowering from shelling, and without electricity, running water or midwives to assist them.

And the recent reprieve as Russian forces pulled back won’t help much in many locations. As of late March, Russian missiles, bombs and artillery had destroyed at least 23 hospitals and health clinics.

Even those pregnant women fortunate enough to escape the war-torn areas are deeply stressed, whether racing in and out of shelters or enduring arduous and perilous journeys to the relative safety of western Ukraine or to neighboring European countries.

An estimated 265,000 Ukrainian women were pregnant when the war broke out, according to the United Nations Population Fund, the organization’s sexual and reproductive health agency. About 80,000 births are expected in the next three months.

The war poses immediate and long-term risks to mothers, fathers and newborns. Among them are premature births.

“Prematurity because of the conditions of the war sets the baby up for death or for complications for the rest of his life,” said Dr. Jeanne Conry, president of the International Federation of

Gynecology and Obstetrics. While data is not available yet, she said that doctors in Ukraine were reporting an increase in premature babies, who are more likely to have respiratory, neurological and digestive problems later.

Conry said a lack of access to medication to prevent postpartum hemorrhage could result in an increase in deaths of mothers. Babies are at risk, she said, because physicians might not have immediate access to the necessary equipment to resuscitate them, and they have only moments to catch their first breath.

Yulia Sobchenko, 27, said she went into labor around midnight March 20 and took an ambulance to the hospital. But she was delayed by Ukrainian soldiers at checkpoints who, fearful of saboteurs, insisted on opening the ambulance door to verify that it was a woman about to give birth.

Her child was delivered at 2:55 a.m., and within two hours, she was ushered into the basement because of an air raid alert.

“Me in my sleeping shirt and with a cloth between my legs and a tiny baby just after giving birth, and my husband with all our bags, had to go to the basement,” she said.

Her son, Mykhailo, was healthy and weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces at birth,

she said, and “is a child of war.”

Finding calm was the strategy for Shynkar, who worked as an event organizer before the war. Her maternity hospital in Kyiv has allowed women, their husbands and children to check in three weeks before their due dates to prevent them from getting separated from the medical facility by the shifting front lines of the war.

Speaking from her hospital room a few days before she gave birth March 25, she beamed with a broad smile and seemed so calm as to be almost unaware of the swirl of lethal violence just outside. She said she never watched or read any news of the war.

“I’m trying to focus on the baby,” she said. “Can I help fight the war? I want to, but I cannot, not now. But I cannot panic,” she said. “I can keep myself safe. That is what I can do.”

Shynkar gave birth to a daughter, Adeline.

“My husband was present at the birth and cut the umbilical cord. To be honest, I have no idea if there were air raid sirens because I was completely in the process,” she said.

It was a small personal victory amid a much larger battle raging all around her.

For herself and for her country, she gave her baby the middle name Victoria.

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told him to go home. The next day, he was gone.

“What I’ll miss the most about my son is when he’d come by and say, ‘I love you,’” she said.

Stephanie Thompson, Davis’ sister, said her brother was a family man and a hard worker. As kids, she recalled, they would go together to the grocery store to pick up cooking ingredients for their grandmother. When they’d get something wrong, their grandmother would send them trudging back out, no matter the weather.

Thompson said she’ll miss Davis’s smile, his sense of humor and the warm look that so often shined across his face.

“He went to church. He played drums, baseball teams. He did it all,” she said. “He was just a good kid, by himself, to himself.”

Davis was shot and killed Monday evening in Hartford’s Clay Arsenal neighborhood. Police say they responded to ShotSpotter alerts shortly before 7:10 p.m. and arrived to find Davis unresponsive. He was taken to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

According to police, three



The Rev. Henry Brown speaks to a group of mourners Saturday afternoon in Hartford. “We are out here to remind people that Jermaine Davis was loved,” Brown said. **ALEX PUTTERMAN/HARTFORD COURANT**

other people were injured in the shooting, all of whom are expected to survive. Gunn said another of her sons,

and Davis’s brother, was also among those who had been shot but that he did not have serious injuries.

Davis’s death marks Hartford’s 10th homicide of the year so far, according to police. The Hartford Police

Department’s Major Crimes and Crime Scene divisions are investigating the shooting, police say.

At Saturday’s vigil, Brown and others from Mothers United Against Violence encouraged those in attendance to cooperate with police to find whoever killed Davis.

“It’s time for us to stop the violence,” said Henrietta Beckman, co-founder of Mothers United Against Violence, who lost her own son in a shooting 20 years ago. “Innocent people are dying, and dying for what?”

“Jermaine and his brother and whoever else he was with, they had every right to be wherever they wanted to be. No one had the right to drive here and shoot them.”

Following Beckman’s words, Brown delivered a rousing sermon in which he praised God, consoled Davis’s family and urged them to “embrace one another ... love one another, hug one another.”

Toward the end of the sermon, the reverend looked again toward the sky as the rain had begun.

“Hallelujah, God, let the rain fall in my face,” Brown said. “God, we need you right now, Father. This has got to stop. It’s too much pain.”

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difficult to obtain the product, number one, and the price goes up significantly,” Mohammad N. Elahee, a professor of international business at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, said. “And even when you are still willing to pay, you still maybe cannot get it maybe because the ship is stuck at the port. So, it’s a big problem.”

Soaring inflation — a broad, general increase in prices — also has been stoked coming out of the pandemic. That has prompted the Federal Reserve to boost benchmark interest rates, with more likely to come later this year, that affect borrowing costs.

At the same time, Wolfe said the tight rental market in Hartford and the surrounding area has made for slow-going in relocating current tenants of the MLK apartments. About a third to a half of the tenants of the 64-unit complex have moved so far.

The surge in costs is creating new headaches for a redevelopment that seeks to transform the isolated public housing complex, built in 1968, to a vibrant community of 155 units with tenants earning a broad



A rendering shows a rebuilt Martin Luther King Apartments in Hartford’s Sheldon Charter Oak neighborhood that will include a central green with gazebo and playscape. **CROSSKEY ARCHITECTS**

range of incomes.

The mix of apartments initially, at least, was about 60% market-rate and 40% affordable with rents based on income. The approach sought to ensure there would be enough units for those who had relocated and wanted to return once the 18 months of construction was complete. Sheldon Oak also sought to allay worries about gentrification and displacement.

Some of the affordable units included a portion with “Section 8” rental subsidies, not currently offered at the MLK Apartments. Sheldon Oak said that would mean the new development offered a broad range of affordability.

The mixing of incomes in housing development seeks to avoid the dense concentration of lower-income households, which was standard in the late 1960s when the MLK Apartments were built.

Taking on a shortfall

To tackle the financing shortfall, Wolfe said some consideration is being given to increasing the number of affordable units, in an attempt to ferret out more funding. That approach could reverse the percentage split of market-rate and affordable housing in the project.

Balancing the mix of market-rate and affordable units means walking a fine line, according to Michael W. Freimuth, executive director of the Capital Region Development Authority.

For nearly a decade, CRDA has been helping to finance market-rate housing projects in and around downtown Hartford and increasingly in the city’s neighborhoods and surrounding suburbs.

“Some neighborhoods have so much affordable, that two things are happening,” Freimuth said. “There’s no disposable income to push anything else whether it’s neighborhood services, retail, what

have you. And you’re going to need private capital to rebuild these neighborhoods, not just public funds. There just isn’t enough of it around.”

Sheldon Oak, which is partnering with Vesta Corp of Simsbury, an owner and developer of affordable housing, is seeking funding assistance from CRDA.

The city of Hartford already has committed \$5.8 million to the project.

Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin said he strongly supports the project but he also has been a strong advocate for a robust mix of incomes in redevelopment projects across the city.

“The first most important thing is to make sure every one of the aging affordable units in this development be replaced with quality, new construction that remains affordable,” Bronin said. “I am a strong believer in the idea that income diversity is beneficial to the community and the healthiest way to develop.”

Mirroring the look of Colt

The city has approved the master redevelopment plan for the project, which would borrow from the look of the historic, former Colt worker houses across Van

Block Avenue. The design is a stark contrast to the existing stark, brick structures.

The apartments would be a combination of flats and townhouses with one, two and three bedrooms, ranging in size from 774 square feet to 1,683 square feet.

Monthly rents now range from \$1,050 to \$1,225 for two- and three-bedroom units. Projected rents would rise, ranging from \$1,200 for one-bedroom units to \$1,800 for three-bedroom units.

The design includes one large, L-shaped central building with flats and an elevator with older tenants and the physically disabled in mind. There would be 14 smaller buildings with six or seven apartments.

The buildings would be arranged around a central green with a gazebo and playscape. All ground floor apartments would have front porches open to the street.

Wolfe said she remains optimistic a solution will be found.

“Everyone recognizes it’s been a rough couple of years,” Wolfe said. “It’s hard enough in normal times, but we’re facing unexpected issues that are going to take a real effort to resolve.”

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WAR IN UKRAINE

More flee amid warning of attacks

Evacuations continue as Russia is set to step up offensive

By Adam Schreck and Cara Anna
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Civilian evacuations moved forward in patches of battle-scarred eastern Ukraine on Saturday, a day after a missile strike killed at least 52 people and wounded more than 100 at a train station where thousands clamored to leave before an expected Russian onslaught.

In the wake of the attack in Kramatorsk, several European leaders made efforts to show solidarity with Ukraine, with the Austrian chancellor and British prime minister visiting Kyiv — the capital city that Russia failed to capture and where troops retreated days ago.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy expressed frustration when asked if weapons and other equipment Ukraine has received from the West is sufficient to shift the war's outcome.

"Not yet," he said, switching to English for emphasis. "Of course it's not enough."

More than six weeks after Russia first invaded Ukraine, it has pulled its troops from the northern part of the country, around Kyiv, and refocused on the Donbas region in the east. Western military analysts said an arc of territory in eastern Ukraine was under Russian control, from Kharkiv — Ukraine's second-largest city — in the north to Kherson in the south. But Ukrainian counterattacks are threatening



Residents make camouflage netting from used clothes Saturday in Lviv, Ukraine. MAURICIO LIMA/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Russian control of Kherson, according to the Western assessments, and Ukrainian forces are repelling Russian assaults elsewhere in the Donbas region in the south-east.

Ukrainian authorities have called on civilians to get out ahead of an imminent, stepped-up offensive by Russian forces in the east. With trains not running out of Kramatorsk on Saturday, panicked residents boarded buses or looked for other ways to leave, fearing the kind of unrelenting assaults and occupations by Russian invaders that delivered

food shortages, demolished buildings and death to other cities elsewhere in Ukraine.

"It was terrifying. The horror, the horror," one resident told British broadcaster Sky, recalling Friday's attack on the train station. "Heaven forbid, to live through this again. No, I don't want to."

Ukraine's state railway company said in a statement that residents of Kramatorsk and other parts of the country's contested Donbas region could flee through other train stations. Deputy Prime Minister Iryna Vereshchuk said 10 evacuation corridors were planned

for Saturday.

Zelenskyy called the train station attack the latest example of war crimes by Russian forces and said it should motivate the West to do more to help his country defend itself.

Russia denied it was responsible and accused Ukraine's military of firing on the station to turn blame for civilian casualties on Moscow. A Russian Defense Ministry spokesman detailed the missile's trajectory and Ukrainian troop positions to bolster the argument.

Western experts and

Ukrainian authorities insisted that Russia launched the weapon. Remnants of the rocket had the words "For the children" in Russian painted on it. The phrasing seemed to suggest the missile was sent to avenge the loss or subjugation of children, although its exact meaning remained unclear.

Western experts dismissed Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov's assertion that Russian forces "do not use" Tochka-U missiles, the type that hit the train station, which is in Ukrainian govern-

ment-controlled territory in the Donbas.

The attack came as Ukrainian authorities worked to identify victims and document possible war crimes by Russian soldiers in northern Ukraine. The mayor of Bucha, a town near Kyiv where graphic evidence of civilian slayings emerged after the Russians withdrew, said search teams were still finding bodies of people shot at close range in yards, parks and city squares. Workers unearthed the 67 bodies Friday from a mass grave near a church, according to Ukraine's prosecutor general.

Ukrainian authorities and Western officials have repeatedly accused Russian forces of committing atrocities in the war that began with Russia's Feb. 24 invasion. A total of 176 children have been killed, while 324 more have been wounded, the Prosecutor General's Office said Saturday.

Speaking to The Associated Press, Zelenskyy said he is committed to negotiating a diplomatic end to the war even though Russia has "tortured" Ukraine. He also acknowledged that peace likely will not come quickly. Talks so far have not included Russian President Vladimir Putin or other top officials.

"We have to fight, but fight for life. You can't fight for dust when there is nothing and no people. That's why it is important to stop this war," he said.

Ukrainian authorities have said they expect to find more mass killings once they reach the port city of Mariupol, which has been subjected to a monthlong blockade.

Macron's rival surges as France's election heats up

Pump, food, energy prices may draw voters to Le Pen

By John Leicester
Associated Press

POISSY, France — From the market stall outside Paris that she's run for 40 years, Yvette Robert can see firsthand how soaring prices are weighing on France's presidential election and turning the first round of voting on Sunday into a nail-biter for incumbent President Emmanuel Macron.

Shoppers, increasingly worried about how to make ends meet, are buying ever-smaller quantities of Robert's neatly stacked fruits and vegetables, she says. And some of her clients no longer come at all to the market for its baguettes, cheeses and other tasty offerings. Robert suspects that with fuel prices so high, some can no longer afford to take their vehicles to shop.

"People are scared — with everything that's going up, with prices for fuel going up," she said Friday as campaigning concluded for act one of the two-part French election drama, held against the backdrop of Russia's war in Ukraine.

Macron, a political

centrist, for months looked like a shoo-in to become France's first president in 20 years to win a second term. But that scenario blurred in the campaign's closing stages. The pain of inflation and of pump, food and energy prices that are hitting low-income households particularly hard subsequently roared back as dominant election themes. They could drive many voters Sunday into the arms of far-right leader Marine Le Pen, Macron's political nemesis.

Macron, now 44, trounced Le Pen by a landslide to become France's youngest president in 2017. The win for the former banker who, unlike Le Pen, is a fervent proponent of European collaboration was seen as a victory against populist, nationalist politics, coming in the wake of Donald Trump's election to the White House and Britain's vote to leave the European Union, both in 2016.

In courting voters, Macron has economic successes to point to: The French economy is rebounding faster than expected from the battering of COVID-19, with a 2021 growth rate of 7%, the highest since 1969. Unemployment is down to levels not

seen since the 2008 financial crisis. When Russia invaded Ukraine on Feb. 24, sparking Europe's worst security crisis since World War II, Macron also got a polling bump, with people rallying around the wartime leader.

But the 53-year-old Le Pen is a now a more polished, formidable and savvy political foe as she makes her third attempt to become France's first woman president. And she has campaigned particularly hard and for months on cost of living concerns, capitalizing on the issue that pollsters say is foremost on voters' minds.

Le Pen also pulled off two remarkable feats. Despite her plans to sharply curtail immigration and dial back some rights for Muslims in France, she nevertheless appears to have convinced growing numbers of voters that she is no longer the dangerous, racist nationalist extremist that critics, including Macron, accuse her of being.

She's done that partly by diluting some of her rhetoric and fieriness. She also had outside help: A presidential run by Eric Zemmour, an even more extreme far-right rabble-rouser with repeated convictions for hate speech, has had the knock-on benefit for Le Pen of making her



A man walks past campaign posters Friday of centrist French president Emmanuel Macron and French far-right presidential candidate Marine Le Pen in Anglet, France. BOB EDMER/AP

look almost mainstream by comparison.

Secondly, and also stunning: Le Pen has adroitly sidestepped any significant blowback for her previous perceived closeness with Russian President Vladimir Putin. She went to the Kremlin to meet him during her last presidential campaign in 2017. But in the wake of the war in Ukraine, that potential embarrassment doesn't appear to have turned Le Pen's supporters against her. She has called the invasion "absolutely indefensible" and said Putin's behavior

cannot be excused "in any way."

Robert says she plans to vote Macron, partly because of the billions of dollars that his government doled out at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic to keep people, businesses and France's economy afloat. When food markets closed, Robert got \$1,600 a month to tide her over.

"He didn't leave anyone by the side of the road," she says of Macron.

But she thinks that this time, Le Pen is in with a chance, too.

"She has changed the way she speaks," Robert said. "She has learned to moderate herself."

Barring a monumental surprise, both Macron and Le Pen are expected to advance again from the first-round field of 12 candidates, to set up a winner-takes-all rematch in the second-round vote on April 24.

When Macron made a campaign stop in Poissy, the town west of Paris where Robert has her stall, in early March, pollsters had him leading Le Pen by double digits.



Israeli military vehicles drive Saturday in Jenin in the occupied West Bank. JAAFAR ASHTIYEH/GETTY-AFP

Israeli forces kill Palestinian militant in raid

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli troops on Saturday raided the hometown of a Palestinian who carried out a deadly shooting in Tel Aviv, sparking a gunbattle in the occupied West Bank that left at least one Palestinian militant dead, according to Israeli and Palestinian accounts.

The arrest raid was the latest in a series of events that have escalated tensions during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. Clashes

and protests in Jerusalem last year helped spark an 11-day war with Hamas militants in the Gaza Strip.

In Saturday's raid, the Israeli military said it conducted what it described as a counterterrorism operation in and around the city of Jenin — the area in the northern West Bank where the gunman in Thursday's attack had lived. It said troops were surveying the attacker's home "to examine the potential demolition of the house." Israel often

demolishes the homes of Palestinian attackers in a controversial practice that it says deters future attackers but which critics dismiss as collective punishment.

The army said it also conducted an arrest operation on people suspected of militant activity.

During the raids, it said soldiers came under fire. Troops fired back, killing one militant. The Islamic Jihad militant group identified the man as a member.

The army said a second

gunman was shot and wounded and taken away for medical treatment.

Jenin is considered a stronghold of Palestinian militants. Israeli forces often come under fire when operating in the area.

Thursday, a Palestinian gunman opened fire in Tel Aviv, killing three people. The attacker, identified as Raad Hazem, 28, of Jenin, was later killed by Israeli forces. It was the fourth deadly attack in Israel by Palestinians in three weeks.

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NEWS BRIEFING

Pakistan's embattled prime minister ousted in no-confidence vote

From news services

Pakistan's political opposition ousted the country's embattled prime minister in a no-confidence vote early Sunday, which they won after several of Imran Khan's allies and a key coalition party deserted him.

The combined opposition that spans the political spectrum from the left to the radically religious will form the new government, with the head of one of the largest parties, the Pakistani Muslim League, taking over as prime minister.

Anticipating his loss, Khan, who charged his opposition colluded with the United States to unseat him, has called on his supporters to stage rallies nationwide Sunday. Khan's options are limited and should he see a big turnout in his support, he may try to keep the momentum of street protests as a way to pressure Parliament to hold early elections.

Khan earlier had tried to sidestep the vote by dissolving Parliament and calling early elections, but a Supreme Court ruling ordered the vote to go ahead.

In an impassioned speech Friday, Khan doubled down on his accusations that his opponents colluded with the United States to unseat him over his foreign policy choices, which often seemed to favor China and Russia and defied the U.S.

Khan said Washington opposed his Feb. 24 meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin in the Kremlin hours after tanks rolled into Ukraine, launching a devastating war.

The U.S. State Department has denied any involvement in Pakistan's internal politics. Deputy State Department spokeswoman Jalina Porter told reporters on Friday there was "absolutely no truth to

these allegations."

Juvenile lifer seeks reprieve: Shortly after Riley Briones Jr. arrived in federal prison, he cut his long, braided hair in a symbolic death of his old self.

As the leader of a violent gang and just shy of 18, Briones drove the getaway car in a robbery turned deadly on the Salt River-Pima Maricopa Indian Community outside Phoenix in 1994. He was convicted of murder and given a mandatory sentence of life without parole.

In prison, he has been baptized a Christian, ministers to other inmates who call him Brother Briones, got his GED and has a spotless disciplinary record, his attorneys say in their latest bid to get the now 45-year-old's sentence cut short.

"He's clearly on the side of the line where he should be walking free," said his attorney, Easha Anand.

The U.S. Supreme Court opened the door for that possibility with a 2012 ruling that said only the rare, irredeemable juvenile offender should serve life in prison. Over the past decade, most of the 39 defendants in federal cases who received that sentence have gotten a reprieve and are serving far fewer years behind bars.

Briones is among those whose life sentences have been upheld. His attorneys recently petitioned the full 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to give Briones another chance to reduce it.

Asbestos, mold at women's prison: A government watchdog has found a "substantial likelihood" the federal Bureau of Prisons committed wrongdoing when it ignored complaints and failed to address asbestos and mold contamination at a federal women's



Gufam Raza sits sideways on his fast-moving Royal Enfield motorcycle in an enclosure known as Maut ka Kuan — or the well of death — at a local fair Saturday in Dharmasala, India. Raza and others perform death-defying stunts for little money at traditional fairs all over the country. **ASHWINI BHATIA/AP**

prison in California that has already been under scrutiny for rampant sexual abuse of inmates.

The U.S. Office of Special Counsel now wants Attorney General Merrick Garland to step in to investigate the allegations after multiple whistleblower complaints were filed earlier this year. The office detailed its findings in a letter this past week and has asked Garland to submit a report within 60 days.

The whistleblower complaints, filed by union officials at the Federal Correctional Institution in Dublin, California, alleged that senior Bureau of Prisons officials had failed to act to resolve the allegations of workplace contamination. The union had complained correctional officers and other workers and inmates were being exposed to hazardous mold and asbestos but says those concerns were ignored.

Earthquake hits Turkey: A

powerful earthquake hit eastern Turkey on Saturday, but no casualties or serious damage were immediately reported, the country's disaster service said.

The 5.2 magnitude quake struck the town of Puturge in Malatya province at 5:02 p.m. local time, Turkey's Disaster and Emergency Management Directorate said. It was recorded at a depth of 4.2 miles.

"We have not received any negative reports so far. Our teams continue their scanning activities in the field," Malatya Governor Aydin Barus told the state-run Anadolu Agency.

Iran nuclear activities: President Ebrahim Raisi said Saturday that Iran will continue nuclear development activities as talks to revive Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers remain stalled, state media reported. Speaking in a ceremony marking Iran's national day of nuclear technology, the president said his admin-

istration will support an acceleration in research of peaceful nuclear technology.

"Our knowledge and technology in the nuclear field is not reversible. Iran's (continuation of) research in peaceful nuclear fields will not depend on others' demands or viewpoints," said Raisi, who came to power in August.

Raisi's comments came as talks between Iran and world powers in Vienna to revive the 2015 nuclear deal have stalled. There is concern that Iran could be closer to being able to construct an atomic weapon if it chose to pursue one.

Divers found: Two European divers were rescued by fishermen on Saturday but a third, a 14-year-old Dutch, had died, four days after they disappeared off a southern Malaysian island and drifted some 70 nautical miles, authorities said.

Alexia Alexandra Molina, 18, of France and Adrian Peter Chesters, 46, of Britain

were found early Saturday in neighboring Indonesian waters and taken to a hospital, the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency said.

Chesters' Dutch son, Nathen Renze Chesters, remained missing but Chesters told police that he had died because he was too weak to swim, the agency said in a statement.

The agency said it notified Indonesian authorities to continue searching for the body. The search operation in Malaysia has been called off.

Molina and Chesters were found 16 nautical miles north of Indonesia's Bintan Island, which is about 70 nautical miles from the location they were reported missing on Wednesday, according to Mersing police chief Cyril Edward Nuing.

The three were diving with their Norwegian instructor, Kristine Grodem, about 50 feet deep at an island off Mersing town in Malaysia's southern Johor state.

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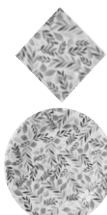
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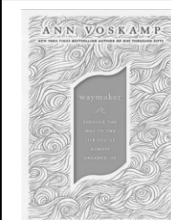
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WORLD & NATION

Vote for change or propaganda tool?

Mexico’s president top promoter of his recall election

By Natalie Kitroeff
The New York Times

MEXICO CITY — Strolling through Mexico’s capital these days, it would be easy to assume the country’s president is at imminent risk of losing his job.

City streets are littered with signs, flyers and billboards urging Mexicans to vote on whether to remove President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador from office in a recall election Sunday.

Only it isn’t the opposition telling people to rush to the polls. It’s the president’s loyalists.

“Support President Lopez Obrador,” reads one flyer. “If you don’t participate, the corrupt ones will take away the scholarships, assistance and pensions that we receive today.”

Lopez Obrador has called the recall “an exercise in democracy,” but critics say it actually amounts to something far more cynical: an effort to bolster the president’s claim to power — and a tool to undermine his detractors.

Opposition leaders have told their followers to boycott the exercise, and analysts believe turnout could be too low for the results to even count.

The vote’s most enthusiastic promoter — and the person most keen on putting the president’s well-established popularity to the test — has been Lopez Obrador. He proposed the recall, the first of its kind in Mexico, and analysts say he will use it to manufacture a political victory even if participation is low.

“This is supposed to be a mechanism for civic control of power, but it has become instead an instrument of political propaganda,” said Carlos Bravo Regidor, a political analyst and critic of the administration. The



Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador faces a recall election on Sunday. ALEJANDRO CEGARRA/THE NEW YORK TIMES

governing party, Bravo Regidor said, “wants this to be a show of force, of muscle, and capacity to bring people into the streets and make explicit their support for Lopez Obrador.”

On a recent day in Mexico City, volunteers in the president’s camp fanned out across a residential neighborhood armed with flyers and wide grins, cheerfully advertising nearby polling stations and telling anyone who would listen to go vote in the recall.

Allan Pozos, one of the group’s leaders, said he hoped the exercise would “set a precedent” so future leaders could be kicked out if needed. This time, though, he just wants the president to know he is loved.

“It’s to show Andres Manuel that he has the strong backing of the people,” Pozos said. “Andres often feels alone because he has to go against an entire system and doesn’t have

support.”

Such a show of support could not come at a better time for the president, who has passed the midpoint of his term while struggling to deliver on key campaign promises that swept him into office in a landslide victory in 2018, when he proposed this type of referendum. He vowed a “transformation” of the country that would drive down poverty, jump-start the economy and tackle endemic violence at its roots.

But after a pandemic and a global recession, poverty rates remain stubbornly high, economic growth is anemic and homicides are still hovering near record levels.

But Lopez Obrador has remained very popular, with more than half of Mexicans approving of his performance, polls show. His government has sought to improve the lot of the poor, raising the minimum wage

four times and boosting welfare spending.

Lopez Obrador has also won points with symbolic gestures, like turning the presidential mansion into a museum open to the public, and flying commercial, even when visiting the United States.

His high favor with voters is also a tribute, supporters and critics agree, to his relentless broadcasting of an official narrative in which he portrays himself as a lone warrior for the people, going up against a corrupt establishment.

The main risk of the recall for the president is the possibility that large swaths of the country just ignore the exercise altogether, especially as it takes place on Palm Sunday. By law, for the vote to become binding, at least 37 million Mexicans, 40% of the electorate, need to participate in it — significantly more than the number of people who voted

for the president in the 2018 elections that swept him into office in a landslide.

But Lopez Obrador has already identified a scapegoat in case of low turnout: the country’s electoral watchdog.

For months, he has been attacking the National Electoral Institute over what he sees as a failure to dedicate enough resources to advertising and administering the recall vote.

“They should have promoted the referendum from the start, not acted dishonestly, keeping silent, not promoting the vote so that people wouldn’t know about it, putting polling booths as far away as possible,” the president said at a recent news conference, referring to the electoral institute. “They’re openly against us, against me.”

The institute asked the federal government for more money to oversee the contest, to little avail. With

only about half the budget it said it needed, the watchdog installed about a third of the polling stations it would in a normal election.

Lorenzo Cordova, leader of the electoral institute, known by its Spanish acronym INE, said he is being set up to fail.

“It’s not just the president,” Cordova said. “there is an orchestrated, systematic and well-designed campaign to discredit the INE.”

The point, Cordova said, is to “damage the referee, and eventually pave the way for its political capture.”

The nation’s Supreme Court has said political parties cannot advertise the recall, and yet, Lopez Obrador’s face has cropped up on signs around the country.

Cordova says the electoral institute has not determined who is paying for all of the ads, but said there are at least twice as many of them in states where the president’s party will compete in elections for governor in June.

“It makes you suspect there’s political intentionality,” behind the marketing campaign, Cordova said.

There are, of course, strategic benefits that could come from asking the country to weigh in on whether they like the president at this particular moment. Lopez Obrador founded his political party and has an obvious interest in doing everything possible to ensure its victory in general elections to replace him in 2024.

The voting patterns in the recall will tell the president where his side’s weaknesses are — and which of the potential candidates for president can get people to the polls.

“It’s a kind of experiment, a rehearsal,” said Blanca Heredia, a professor at CIDe, a Mexico City research institution. “Looking ahead to 2024, he can measure the capacity of his operators to mobilize the vote.”



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, center, visits the Diamond Mountain resort in Kumgang, North Korea. KOREAN CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY 2019

NKorea razing hotel that was symbol of unity with SKorea

By Kim Tong-Hyung
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea is demolishing a South Korean-owned hotel at a North Korean resort that was one of the last symbols of inter-Korean engagement, according to Seoul officials who called for the North to stop the “unilateral” destruction.

South Korea built dozens of facilities at North Korea’s Diamond Mountain resort to accommodate tourism by its citizens during a high period of engagement between the rivals in the 1990s. But North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in 2019 called the South Korean facilities there “shabby” and ordered them destroyed after months of frustration over Seoul’s unwillingness to defy U.S.-led sanctions that kept the tours from resuming.

The North postponed the demolition work in 2020 as part of measures to prevent COVID-19.

South Korea’s Unification Ministry, which handles inter-Korean affairs, said Friday that North Korea was proceeding with the demo-

lition of the Haegumgang Hotel. The floating hotel, docked at a coastal area of the resort, was a major property among dozens of facilities South Korea established to accommodate Diamond Mountain tours, which began in 1998.

Unification Ministry spokesperson Cha Deok-cheol said it wasn’t clear whether the North was destroying other facilities at the site. He said Seoul “strongly regrets North Korea’s unilateral dismantlement” of the hotel and urged the North to resolve disagreements over the South Korean properties at the site.

Commercial satellite images indicate the demolition work has been underway for weeks. Cha said Seoul used inter-Korean communication channels to demand an explanation and talks on the issue, but the North has ignored the request.

The demolition comes amid heightened tensions over recent missile launches. North Korea conducted its first inter-continental ballistic missile test since 2017 on March

24, as Kim revives brinkmanship aimed at forcing the United States and other rivals to accept the North as a nuclear power and remove crippling sanctions.

South Korean tours to Diamond Mountain were a major symbol of cooperation between the Koreans and a valuable cash source for the North’s broken economy before the South suspended them in 2008 after a North Korean guard fatally shot a South Korean tourist.

South Korea can’t restart mass tours to Diamond Mountain or any other major inter-Korean economic activity without defying sanctions, which have been strengthened since 2016, when the North began accelerating its nuclear and missile tests. While U.N. sanctions don’t directly ban tourism, they prohibit bulk cash transfers that can result from such business activities.

During their brief diplomacy in 2018, South Korean President Moon Jae-in met Kim three times and vowed to restart Diamond Mountain tours, voicing optimism that sanctions could end.

European leaders stream into Ukraine to show solidarity

By Danica Kirka
Associated Press

LONDON — U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson and Austrian Chancellor Karl Nehammer on Saturday joined the stream of European leaders showing their support for Ukraine by traveling to the nation’s capital for face-to-face meetings with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

Johnson’s surprise visit included a pledge of new military assistance, including 120 armored vehicles and new anti-ship missile systems. This came a day after he promised to send an additional \$130 million of high-grade military equipment to Ukraine, saying Britain wanted to help Ukraine defend itself against Russian aggression.

Johnson also confirmed further economic support, guaranteeing an additional \$500 million in World Bank lending to Ukraine, taking Britain’s total loan guarantee to up to \$1 billion.

“Today I met my friend President @ZelenskyyUa in Kyiv as a show of our unwavering support for the people of Ukraine,” Johnson said on Twitter. “We’re setting out a new package of financial & military aid which is a testament of our commitment to his country’s struggle against Russia’s barbaric campaign.”

The head of Ukraine’s presidential office, Andriy Yermak, said “the conversation was rich and constructive,” but offered no details.

The package of military aid Britain announced Friday includes more Starstreak anti-aircraft missiles, another 800 anti-tank missiles and precision munitions capable of lingering in the sky until directed to their target.

“Ukraine has defied the odds and pushed back Russian forces from the gates of Kyiv, achieving



Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, left, and Britain’s Prime Minister Boris Johnson shake hands Saturday in Kyiv, Ukraine. UKRAINIAN PRESIDENTIAL PRESS OFFICE

the greatest feat of arms of the 21st century,” Johnson said in a statement. “It is because of President Zelenskyy’s resolute leadership and the invincible heroism and courage of the Ukrainian people that Putin’s monstrous aims are being thwarted.”

As Zelenskyy makes a continuous round of virtual appearances to drum up support from lawmakers around the world, an increasing number of European leaders have decided the time is right to travel to Ukraine’s capital, Kyiv, for in-person talks. European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen was in Kyiv on Friday, following earlier visits from the Czech, Polish and Slovenian prime ministers.

Nehammer met with Zelenskyy earlier Saturday and pledged that the EU would continue to ratchet up sanctions against Russia “until the war stops.”

“As long as people are dying, every sanction is still insufficient,” he said, adding that Austrian embassy staff will return to Kyiv from western Ukraine.

Von der Leyen, who heads the European Union’s executive branch, traveled to Warsaw on Saturday to lead a fundraising event for Ukraine.

She was joined by Polish President Andrzej Duda, with Zelenskyy and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau appearing by video link.

At the end of the 90-minute meeting, von der Leyen said \$11 billion had been raised for Ukrainian refugees.

The event was held in Warsaw because more than 2.5 million of the 4.4 million people who have fled Ukraine since Russia’s invasion began Feb. 24 have entered Poland. Many have stayed, though some have moved on to other countries.

Convened jointly by von der Leyen and Trudeau, the event sought to attract pledges from governments, global celebrities and average citizens.

It ended with Julian Lennon singing his father John Lennon’s peace song “Imagine,” which he said is the first time he did so publicly.

Julian Lennon posted on social media that he always said he would only sing the song if it was the “end of the world.” He says it’s the right song to sing now because “the war on Ukraine is an unimaginable tragedy,” and he felt compelled to respond in the most significant way that he could.

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WORLD & NATION

China sticks to zero-COVID policy

But hospital cannot care for patients, their relatives say

By Huizhong Wu and Dake Kang
Associated Press

BEIJING — A series of deaths at a hospital for elderly patients in Shanghai is underscoring the dangerous consequences of China's stubborn pursuit of a zero-COVID approach amid an escalating outbreak in the city of 26 million people.

Multiple patients have died at the Shanghai Donghai Elderly Care hospital, relatives of patients told The Associated Press. They say their loved ones weren't properly cared for after caretakers who came into contact with the virus were taken to be quarantined in adherence to the pandemic regulations, depleting the hospital of staff.

Family members have taken to social media to plead for help and seek answers, and are demanding to see surveillance video from inside the facility after getting little to no information from the hospital.

The conditions and deaths at the hospital are a sharp rebuke of China's strategy of sticking to a zero-COVID policy as it deals with the outbreak in Shanghai in which most of the infected people don't have symptoms. With a focus on forcing positive cases and close contacts into designated collective quarantine facilities, the costs of zero-COVID may be outweighing the risk of getting sick.

On Saturday, Shanghai Vice Mayor Zong Ming said the lockdown could soon be lifted or eased in communities that report no positive cases within 14 days, after another round of citywide COVID-19 testing.

Shen Peiming, 71, was one such casualty of harsh measures. She died Sunday morning at the hospital, without any relatives by her side. A family member said they have been calling the hospital nonstop to find out the circumstances of Shen's death, but have not gotten a clear answer.

"How many times have there been lockdowns since 2020? They still don't have experience managing this," the family member said.



Workers help a man during mass testing for residents last week in a lockdown area in the Jingan district of Shanghai. CHEN SI/AP

All they know is her doctor and nurses had not been there to care for Shen, who was partially paralyzed after a stroke. Her last nursing assistant had been quarantined for being a close contact of a positive case, the relative said, speaking on condition of anonymity out of fear of retribution. An unfamiliar worker called to inform them of her death. Later, the hospital said it was due to a chest infection.

The hospital had a COVID-19 outbreak, the family heard from orderlies, but Shen had tested negative as of last week.

Shanghai authorities have reported no deaths from this outbreak, but questions have been raised about the reliability of the data. A city health official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the topic, said the criteria for confirming cases and deaths are very strict and

susceptible to political meddling.

It is unclear how many patients have died at the hospital, and whether any died of COVID-19.

Families say they are talking with other families whose relatives have also died. An article from Chinese news outlet Caixin describing the deaths and infections was taken down shortly after it was published, apparently targeted by censors. Calls to the main office of Donghai Elderly Care went unanswered. The Shanghai government did not respond to a faxed request for comment.

Most experts agree that China's zero-COVID approach was highly successful in keeping deaths to a minimum when there were limited drugs or vaccines. But now that shots are widely available in China, and with the advent of the omicron variant, many say the government should abandon the policy and focus medical resources on the

elderly and vulnerable.

Instead, Shanghai has locked down its 26 million people and carried out repeated mass testing to tackle an outbreak driven by the highly contagious omicron BA.2 variant. On Saturday, the city reported more than 23,000 new local cases, of which only 1,015 had symptoms.

"If you're asymptomatic, what's going to hurt you?" said Ray Yip, the founding director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control office in China, who maintains close ties with Chinese health officials. "The only people who get sick are those with diabetes, obesity, chronic disease, old people. Protect those people. You can protect them."

A low vaccination rate among the elderly, though, remains a concern. Only 62% of Shanghai residents older than 60 have been vaccinated, according to the latest

data available.

Some experts support the strict approach, saying China needs to raise that rate before it can safely live with the virus.

The U.S. guidelines for asymptomatic cases, as in the U.K., are that individuals isolate at home for five days. In Shanghai, workers are rushing to set up massive temporary facilities in exhibition halls and elsewhere to try to house everyone who tests positive.

The citywide lockdown has disrupted daily life and the economy. Many residents, trapped in their apartments, are scrambling to buy food through apps and place bulk orders with neighbors.

Some in quarantine have posted videos showing chaotic scenes of people rushing to get food and a lack of clean toilets. Others have posted pleas for relatives who need medicine.

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By Robert Burns
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Kyiv was a Russian defeat for the ages. The fight started poorly for the invaders and went downhill from there. When President Vladimir Putin launched his war on Feb. 24 after months of buildup on Ukraine's borders, he sent hundreds of helicopter-borne commandos — the best of the best of Russia's "spetsnaz" special forces soldiers — to assault and seize a lightly defended airfield on Kyiv's doorstep. Other Russian forces struck elsewhere across Ukraine, including toward the eastern city of Kharkiv as well as in the contested Donbas region and along the Black Sea coast.

But as the seat of national power, Kyiv was the main prize. Thus the thrust by elite airborne forces in the war's opening hours. But Putin failed to achieve his goal of quickly crushing Ukraine's outgunned and outnumbered army.

The Russians were ill-prepared for Ukrainian resistance, proved incapable of adjusting to setbacks, failed to effectively combine air and land operations, misjudged Ukraine's ability to defend its skies, and bungled basic military functions like planning and executing the movement of supplies.

"That's a really bad combination if you want to conquer a country," said Peter Mansoor, a retired Army colonel and professor of military history at Ohio State University.

For now at least, Putin's forces have shifted from Kyiv, to eastern Ukraine. Ultimately, the Russian leader may achieve some of his objectives. Yet his failure to seize Kyiv will be long remembered — for how it defied prewar expectations and exposed surprising weaknesses in a military thought to be one of the strongest in the world.



A family walks on a road clogged by destroyed Russian tanks last Wednesday in Bucha, Ukraine, near Kyiv. **FELIPE DANA/AP**

"It's stunning," said military historian Frederick Kagan of the American Enterprise Institute's Critical Threats Project, who says he knows of no parallel to a major military power like Russia invading a country at the time of its choosing and failing so utterly.

On the first morning of the war, Russian Mi-8 assault helicopters soared south toward Kyiv on a mission to attack Hostomel airfield on the northwest outskirts of the capital. By capturing the airfield, also known as Antonov airport, the Russians planned to establish a base from which to fly in more troops and light armored vehicles within striking distance of the heart of the nation's largest city.

It didn't work that way. Several Russian helicopters were reported to be hit by missiles even before they got to Hostomel, and once settled in at the airfield they suffered heavy losses from

artillery fire.

An effort to take control of a military airbase in Vasylyk south of Kyiv also met stiff resistance and reportedly saw several Russian Il-76 heavy-lift transport planes carrying paratroopers downed by Ukrainian defenses.

Although the Russians eventually managed to control Hostomel airfield, the Ukrainians' fierce resistance in the capital region forced a rethinking of an invasion plan that was based on an expectation the Ukrainians would quickly fold, the West would dither, and Russian forces would have an easy fight.

Air assault missions behind enemy lines, like the one executed at Hostomel, are risky and difficult, as the U.S. Army showed on March 24, 2003, when it sent more than 30 Apache attack helicopters into Iraq from Kuwait to strike an Iraqi Republican Guard division.

On their way, the Apaches encountered small arms and anti-aircraft fire that downed one of the aircraft, damaged others and forced the mission to be aborted. Even so, the U.S. military recovered from that setback and soon captured Baghdad.

The fact that the Hostomel assault by the Russian 45th Guards Special Purpose Airborne Brigade faltered might not stand out in retrospect if the broader Russian effort had improved from that point. But it did not.

The Russians did make small and unsuccessful probes into the heart of Kyiv, and later they tried at great cost to encircle the capital by arcing farther west. Against enormous odds, the Ukrainians held their ground and fought back, stalling the Russians, and put to effective use a wide array of Western arms, including Javelin portable antitank weapons, shoulder-fired

Stinger antiaircraft missiles and much more.

Last month the Russians abandoned Hostomel airfield as part of a wholesale retreat into Belarus and Russia.

A sidelight of the battle for Kyiv was the widely reported saga of a Russian resupply convoy that stretched dozens of miles along a main roadway toward the capital. It initially seemed to be a worrisome sign for the Ukrainians, but they managed to attack elements of the convoy, which had limited off-road capability and thus eventually dispersed or otherwise became a non-factor in the fight.

"They never really provided a resupply of any value to Russian forces that were assembling around Kyiv, never really came to their aid," said Pentagon spokesman John Kirby. "The Ukrainians put a stop to that convoy pretty quickly

by being very nimble, knocking out bridges, hitting lead vehicles and stopping their movement."

Mansoor says the Russians underestimated the number of troops they would need and showed "an astonishing inability" to perform basic military functions. They vastly misjudged what it would take to win the battle for Kyiv, he says.

"This was going to be hard even if the Russian army had proven itself to be competent," he said. "It's proven itself to be wholly incapable of conducting modern armored warfare."

Putin was not the only one surprised by his army's initial failures. U.S. and other Western officials had figured that if the invasion happened, Russia's seemingly superior forces would easily overcome Ukraine's army. They might seize Kyiv in a few days and the whole country in a few weeks, although some analysts did question whether Putin appreciated how much Ukraine's forces had gained from Western training that intensified after Putin's 2014 seizure of Crimea and incursion into the Donbas.

On March 25, barely a month after the invasion began, the Russians declared they had achieved their goals in the Kyiv region and would shift focus to the separatist Donbas area in eastern Ukraine. Some suspected a Putin ploy to buy time without giving up his maximalist aims, but within days the Kyiv retreat was in full view.

Putin may yet manage to refocus his war effort on a narrower goal of expanding Russian control in the Donbas and perhaps securing a land corridor from the Donbas to the Crimean Peninsula. But his failure in Kyiv revealed weaknesses that suggest Russia is unlikely to try again soon to take down the national capital.

"I think they learned their lesson," Mansoor said.

WEEKLY MARKET RUNDOWN

<div>▼</div> <div>DOW</div> <div>34,721.12 -97.15</div>	<div>▼</div> <div>NASDAQ</div> <div>13,711.00 -550.50</div>	<div>▼</div> <div>S&P 500</div> <div>4,488.28 -57.58</div>	<div>▲</div> <div>10-YR T-NOTE</div> <div>2.71% +33</div>	<div>▲</div> <div>30-YR T-BOND</div> <div>2.75% +33</div>	<div>▼</div> <div>CRUDE OIL</div> <div>\$98.26 -1.01</div>	<div>▲</div> <div>GOLD</div> <div>\$1,941.60 +22.50</div>	<div>▼</div> <div>EURO</div> <div>\$1.0885 -.0154</div>
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STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

COMPANY	TICKER	52-WK RANGE	FRIDAY CLOSE	\$CHG	%CHG	1MO	1QTR	YTD	1YR	RANK	%RTN	PE	YLD
AT&T Inc	T	22.02	33.88	24.14	0.16	0.7	▲	▼	-1.9	-16.6	■■■■	-3.8	9 8.6
Adv Micro Dev	AMD	72.50	164.46	101.00	-7.19	-6.6	▼	▼	-29.8	26.2	■■■■	50.3	39 1.6
Alphabet Inc C	GOOG	2151.62	3042.00	2680.21	-133.79	-4.8	▲	▼	-7.4	21.3	■■■■	27.0	24 ...
Alphabet Inc A	GOOGL	2145.21	3030.93	2665.75	-137.26	-4.9	▲	▼	-8.0	21.4	■■■■	26.4	24 ...
Amazon.com Inc	AMZN	2671.45	3773.08	3089.21	-181.99	-5.6	▲	▼	-7.4	-3.8	■■■■	28.7	48 ...
Amphenol Corp	APH	64.13	88.45	73.28	-2.29	-3.0	▼	▼	-16.2	11.0	■■■■	17.1	29 1.1
Apple Inc	AAPL	122.25	182.94	170.09	-4.22	-2.4	▲	▼	-4.2	35.3	■■■■	37.5	46 0.5
Avangrid Inc	AGR	42.20	55.57	48.20	0.71	1.5	▲	▼	-3.4	-4.6	■■■■	5.4	24 3.7
Bank of America	BAC	36.51	50.11	39.67	-1.23	-3.0	▼	▼	-10.8	.4	■■■■	13.0	12 2.1
Barnes Group	B	37.31	56.98	36.97	-3.19	-7.9	▼	▼	-20.6	-23.3	■■■■	-4.3	19 1.7
Booking Holdings	BKNG	1796.45	2715.66	2167.42	-200.41	-8.5	▲	▼	-9.7	-8.2	■■■■	4.6	>99 ...
Brist Myr Sqb	BMV	53.22	77.28	77.77	3.95	5.4	▲	▲	24.7	27.8	■■■■	10.0	25 2.8
CVS Health Corp	CVS	73.30	111.25	106.61	5.52	5.5	▲	▲	3.3	41.8	■■■■	8.1	19 2.1
Carrier Global Corp	CARR	42.01	58.89	43.38	-2.66	-5.8	▲	▼	-20.0	3.5	■■■■	0.0	... 1.1
Charter Communic	CHTR	542.82	825.62	557.60	-4.08	-0.7	▼	▼	-14.5	-9.7	■■■■	10.8	25 ...
Cigna Corp	CI	191.74	272.81	257.90	11.65	4.7	▲	▲	12.3	7.9	■■■■	11.4	16 1.7
CocaCola Co	KO	52.28	63.67	63.83	0.96	1.5	▲	▲	7.8	22.3	■■■■	10.9	31 2.8
Comcast Corp A	CMCSA	44.27	61.80	47.42	-0.01	0.0	▲	▼	-5.8	-11.8	■■■■	6.2	23 2.3
Disney	DIS	128.38	191.67	131.87	-5.13	-3.7	▲	▼	-14.9	-29.7	■■■■	4.0	>99 ...
DuPont de Nemours	DD	66.37	86.28	68.84	-5.91	-7.9	▼	▼	-14.8	-6.2	■■■■	-1.6	6 1.9
EMCOR Group Inc	EME	107.79	135.98	113.38	-0.48	-0.4	▼	▼	-11.0	.7	■■■■	13.1	19 0.3
Energy Transfer L.P.	ET	7.64	116.17	11.23	-0.29	-2.5	▲	▲	36.5	49.7	■■■■	-3.4	9 6.2
Ethan Allen	ETH	22.02	32.15	25.03	-0.64	-2.5	▼	▼	-4.8	-.5	■■■■	1.5	8 6.6
Eversource Energy	ES	78.44	92.66	92.53	2.69	3.0	▲	▲	1.7	8.0	■■■■	11.5	27 2.8
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	52.10	91.51	86.84	3.72	4.5	▲	▲	41.9	56.5	■■■■	4.2	16 4.1
Ford Motor	F	11.14	25.87	15.05	-1.60	-9.6	▼	▼	-27.5	19.1	■■■■	8.8	3 2.7
Freeport McMoran	FCX	30.02	51.99	48.97	-1.99	-3.9	▲	▲	17.3	43.8	■■■■	29.8	17 0.6
FuelCell Energy	FCEL	3.40	14.68	5.39	-0.35	-6.1	▼	▲	3.7	-56.2	■■■■	-2.1
Gen Dynamics	GD	180.88	254.99	242.04	0.79	0.3	▲	▲	16.1	35.1	■■■■	7.1	21 2.0
Gen Electric	GE	85.29	116.17	89.74	-2.75	-3.0	▼	▼	-5.0	-16.2	■■■■	-15.7	... 0.4
Hartford Fn Sv	HIG	59.86	78.17	74.13	1.59	2.2	▲	▲	7.4	8.5	■■■■	10.4	11 2.1
Honeywell Intl	HON	174.42	236.86	190.16	-5.87	-3.0	▲	▼	-8.8	-10.1	■■■■	12.0	24 2.1
Horizon Tech Fin	HRZN	13.21	19.08	14.30	0.32	2.3	▲	▼	-10.2	.2	■■■■	12.5	10 8.4
Infosys Ltd	INFY	17.24	26.39	23.70	-0.91	-3.7	▼	▼	-6.4	26.1	■■■■	27.2	36 ...
Inovio Pharmaceut	INO	2.76	10.37	3.27	-0.53	-13.9	▲	▼	-34.5	-61.8	■■■■	-11.5
Intel Corp	INTC	43.63	68.49	47.02	-1.09	-2.3	▲	▼	-8.7	-26.1	■■■■	8.4	9 3.1

Notes on data: Total returns, shown for periods 1-year or greater, include dividend income and change in market price. Three-year and five-year returns annualized. Three year return shown for stocks trading less than five years (indicated by "a"). Ellipses indicate data not available. Price-earnings ratio unavailable for closed-end funds and companies with net losses over prior four quarters. Rank classifies a stock's performance relative to all U.S.-listed shares, from top 20 percent (■■■■) to bottom 20 percent (■■■■).

INTEREST RATES					
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Allspring MMF/Premier		0.38	\$10 mil.	(888) 222-8222	
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CONSUMER RATES		NAT'L AVG	WK AGO	NAT'L AVG	WK AGO
48 month new car loan		3.96	3.82	Money market account	0.07 0.07
60 month new car loan		4.13	3.99	1 year CD	0.35 0.34
\$30K Home equity loan		6.78	6.63	3 year CD	0.45 0.45
30 year fixed mortgage		5.06	4.91	5 year CD	0.55 0.55
15 year fixed mortgage		4.20	4.07	Savings interest	0.36 0.36
TREASURYS		FRIDAY YIELD	1WK	CHANGE 1MO 3MO 1YR	52-WEEK HIGH LOW
3-month T-Bill		0.70	0.17	▲ ▲ 0.69	0.70 0.01
6-month T-Bill		1.16	0.09	▲ ▲ 1.12	1.16 0.02
52-week T-Bill		1.77	0.08	▲ ▲ 1.72	1.78 0.04
2-year T-Note		2.53	0.09	▲ ▲ 2.39	2.53 0.13
5-year T-Note		2.76	0.20	▲ ▲ 1.91	2.76 0.65
7-year T-Note		2.79	0.29	▲ ▲ 1.49	2.79 0.95
10-year T-Note		2.71	0.33	▲ ▲ 1.08	2.71 1.17
30-year T-Bond		2.75	0.33	▲ ▲ 0.43	2.75 1.67
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DOW 30						
TICKER	FRIDAY CLOSE	\$CHG 1WK	PCT CHANGE 1WK	1MO	1YR	
1. Chevron Corp	CVX	169.93	5.71	3.5	-0.6	■■■■ 64.4
2. UnitedHealth Group	UNH	545.96	33.37	6.5	13.1	■■■■ 47.5
3. Apple Inc	AAPL	180.09	-4.22	-2.4	9.9	■■■■ 36.8
4. Amer Express	AXP	173.70	2.95	-1.6	9.4	■■■■ 26.6
5. Travelers Cos	TRV	184.86	-0.39	-0.2	6.4	■■■■ 22.6
6. CocaCola Co	KO	63.83	0.96	1.5	11.0	■■■■ 21.8
7. Microsoft Corp	MSFT	296.97	-12.45	-4.0	6.0	■■■■ 21.8
8. Merck & Co	MRK	87.68	4.16	5.0	12.0	■■■■ 21.3
9. Procter & Gamble	PG	160.10	5.01	3.2	11.8	■■■■ 17.4
10. Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	182.12	3.93	2.2	7.5	■■■■ 14.1
11. WalMart Strs	WMT	157.41	6.40	4.2	10.8	■■■■ 12.2
12. McDonalds Corp	MCD	251.46	2.21	0.9	10.8	■■■■ 10.7
13. Cisco Syst	CSCO	54.28	-1.00	-1.8	-0.7	■■■■ 7.4
14. IBM	IBM	127.73	-2.42	-1.9	3.0	■■■■ 6.0
15. Amgen	AMGN	252.02	8.90	3.7	10.1	■■■■ 3.2
Dow Jones industrial average 34721.12 -97.15 -0.3 +5.4 +2.7						
16. Visa Inc	V	216.98	-9.38	-4.1	10.3	■■■■ 0.8
17. Dow Inc	DOW	61.68	-2.50	-3.9	1.3	■■■■ -0.2
18. Goldman Sachs Grp	GS	321.39	-8.83	-2.7	-1.7	■■■■ -1.7
19. Home Depot	HD	311.11	9.22	3.1	-1.8	■■■■ -2.1
20. Caterpillar Inc	CAT	217.03	-2.74	-1.2	1.0	■■■■ -4.4
21. Nike Inc B	NKE	128.15	-5.37	-4.0	4.5	■■■■ -5.6
22. Verizon Comm	VZ	53.53	2.05	4.0	0.9	■■■■ -5.7
23. Salesforce.com Inc	CRM	197.17	-15.08	-7.1	-0.4	■■■■ -9.2
24. Honeywell Intl	HON	190.16	-5.87	-3.0	4.3	■■■■ -9.9
25. JPMorgan Chase	JPM	133.49	-0.82	-0.6	3.6	■■■■ -11.2
26. Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	45.42	1.56	3.6	-4.3	■■■■ -17.0
27. 3M Company	MMM	149.81	0.12	0.1	6.3	■■■■ -19.8
28. Intel Corp	INTC	47.02	-1.09	-2.3	2.6	■■■■ -25.3
29. Boeing Co	BAC	175.20	-15.56	-8.2	-0.6	■■■■ -30.0
30. Disney	DIS	131.87	-5.13	-3.7	0.1	■■■■ -30.1

30 BIGGEST FUNDS									
FUND	ASSETS		PCT RETURN					5YRS*	
	(in billions)	TICKER	1WK	1MO	1YR	RANK			
Vanguard 500 Index Admiral	\$431	VFIAX	-1.2	7.8	11.0	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	15.8		
Vanguard Total Stock Instl	323	VTSAAX	-1.7	7.2	6.9	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	15.1		
Vanguard Total Intl Stock Idx	178	VGTSAX	-1.7	6.8	-4.9	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	6.7		
Vanguard Instl Intl Plus	169	VNIIX	-1.2	7.8	11.1	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	15.8		
American Growth Fd of America	128	AGTHX	-2.9	8.8	-2.2	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	15.8		
Vanguard Institutional Index	118	VNIIX	-1.2	7.8	11.0	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	15.8		
Fidelity Contrafund	112	FCNTX	-2.1	8.4	2.9	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	17.5		
American Balanced	101	ABALX	-0.8	3.2	4.7	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	9.5		
Dodge & Cox Stock	98	DODGX	0.1	6.4	13.5	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	13.5		
American Income Fd of America	83	AMECX	0.2	4.5	8.3	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	8.6		
American Washington Mutual	77	AWSHX	0.1	6.8	14.3	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	13.9		
American Investment Co. Amer	76	AIVSX	-1.1	7.3	8.0	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	12.4		
American Capital Income Bldr	67	CAIBX	-0.1	5.0	6.4	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	6.9		
American Fundamental Investor	65	ANCFX	-1.3	7.0	4.6	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	12.7		
American New Perspective	60	ANWPX	-2.6	8.8	-1.7	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	14.9		
American CapWorld Growth/Inc	56	CWGIX	-1.4	7.1	-1.7	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	9.8		
IMCO Total Return Instl	51	PTRTX	-1.7	-4.3	-6.6	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	2.0		
Fidelity Blue Chip Growth	45	FBRGX	-4.5	7.7	-5.1	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	22.3		
Vanguard Windsor II Admiral	45	VWNAX	-1.0	6.3	8.2	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	13.4		
Dodge & Cox International Stock	44	DODFX	-1.5	8.8	0.9	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	5.3		
Fidelity Growth Company	44	FDGRX	-4.5	8.3	-2.0	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	23.8		
American AMCAP	38	AMCPX	-2.6	7.0	-2.0	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	13.0		
Fidelity Balanced	36	FBALX	-1.9	4.3	3.4	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	12.3		
FrankTemp Income	36	FKINX	0.0	3.3	9.5	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	7.3		
American SmallCap World	31	SMCWX	-3.3	5.0	-14.9	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	11.6		
American Bond Fund of America	28	ABNDX	-1.7	-3.6	-6.0	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	2.3		
Fidelity Magellan	27	FMAGX	-1.6	9.3	5.7	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	16.1		
Fidelity Puritan	26	FPURX	-1.4	4.7	3.7	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	11.9		
Fidelity Low-Priced Stock	26	FLPSX	0.1	5.4	5.7	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	11.8		
American Europe-Pacific Growth	23	AEPGX	-2.4	8.1	-13.4	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	7.4		
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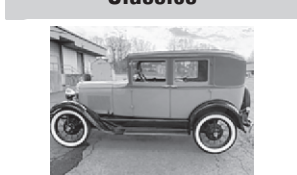
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New York Times Crossword

SOFT OPTIONS

BY BYRON WALDEN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

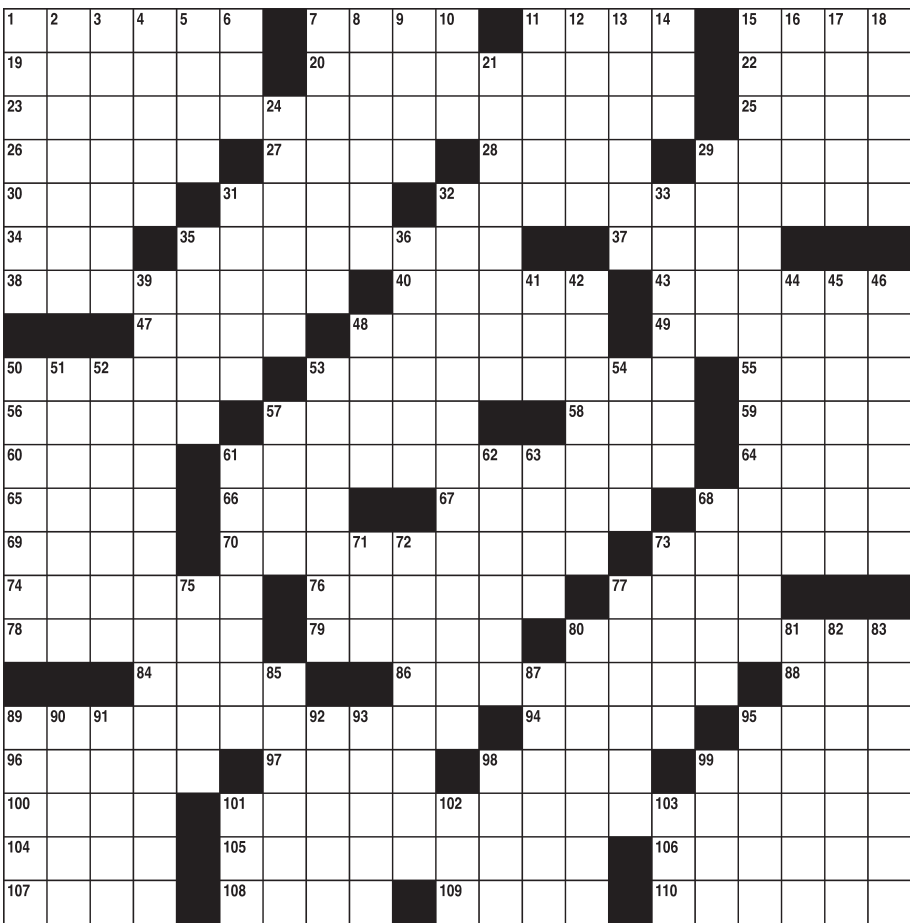
Byron Walden, a math and computer-science professor at Santa Clara University, is a regular crossword contributor to The Times. He says the idea for this puzzle started with the title. "I learned the phrase 'soft option' from the 1980s Pet Shop Boys hit 'West End Girls,'" and everything sprang from there. Byron packs his grids with fresh vocabulary, like 20A, 35A, 53A, 70A, 86A, 105A, 51D and 61D, none of which have ever appeared in a Times crossword before. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Hearten
- 7 "... and it flopped"
- 11 Attack with snowballs, say
- 15 Graceful bird
- 19 Crossword header
- 20 Clearer in hindsight?
- 22 ___ Winans, 12-time Grammy-winning gospel singer
- 23 Apollo 11 landing spot
- 25 Eligible receiver?
- 26 Quickly maturing security, for short
- 27 Helps
- 28 Flying terrors of myth
- 29 With 42-Down, Oscars category from 1963 to 2019
- 30 Misfortunes
- 31 Semicircular recess
- 32 Items used by barkeepers, barbecuers and blacksmiths
- 34 Wackadoodle
- 35 Enhanced tape format released in 1987
- 37 Beat poet
- 38 Cassidy
- 39 Spewed forcefully
- 40 Take off the board
- 43 A la ___ (spit-roasted)
- 47 Spree
- 48 Black-___ albatross
- 49 Knee-jerk response
- 50 Remove cargo from
- 53 Describing the 32-Down's image
- 55 Milk source
- 56 Impends

- 57 Inscribed with some ancient characters
- 58 Whirling toon, familiarly
- 59 Order, in a way
- 60 Nonfiction films, informally
- 61 Metaphor from an hourglass
- 64 "Come ___!"
- 65 This: Sp.
- 66 Sitcom planet of the '70s and '80s
- 67 Animal life
- 68 Pondered
- 69 It's probably over your head
- 70 One star, typically
- 73 Relentless go-getters
- 74 Carl XVI ___ (king of Sweden beginning in 1973)
- 76 Little bump
- 77 Eve's third son
- 78 Soccer chant
- 79 ___ 3000, half of the hip-hop duo Outkast
- 80 Persuade with patter
- 84 A majority
- 86 Offensive football positions
- 88 Ruby of "The Jackie Robinson Story"
- 89 Edgar Rice Burroughs novel, with "The"
- 94 Talk Like a Pirate Day outbursts
- 95 Dormer section
- 96 Turn aside
- 97 Actress Amanda
- 98 Taking a bow at the symphony?
- 99 Waif
- 100 "A warehouse of facts, with poet and ___ in joint ownership" ("The Devil's Dictionary" definition for "imagination")

- 101 Its motto is "Agriculture and Commerce"
- 104 Opposite of exo-
- 105 Woe for a speeder
- 106 Blinken, Biden's secretary of state
- 107 Bit of "kit chat"
- 108 1974 spoof with the tagline "Would you buy a used secret from these men?"
- 109 Bits of machinery
- 110 Latin phrase meaning "based on forecasts"
- DOWN**
- 1 Having legs
- 2 Cool shade
- 3 Weakness
- 4 Sledge, wedge, etc.
- 5 Sports org. with the Pittsburgh Maulers and Philadelphia Stars
- 6 SFO setting: Abbr.
- 7 Sang hosannas to
- 8 Car part the Brits call a "wing"
- 9 Heading for commonly sought info
- 10 Capote nickname
- 11 ___ light
- 12 Sweeping works
- 13 Reveals
- 14 Don't give up
- 15 Intellectual movement
- 16 Tyke
- 17 Performing well on
- 18 Candy with two flavors in one box
- 21 Flexible cutters

- 24 Kid Cudi or Lil Baby, e.g.
- 29 Fixed look
- 31 Enveloping atmospheres
- 32 Pope Pius XII called it "a holy thing perhaps like nothing else"
- 33 Odor-fighting spray brand
- 35 Parts of some brackets
- 36 "Yankee Doodle" has 16 of them
- 39 Entertainers with bright futures
- 41 Partner of poivre
- 42 See 29-Across
- 44 Juice regimen
- 45 Like épées vis-à-vis foils
- 46 Stretches out
- 48 Curve
- 50 Experience
- 51 Music genre for Erykah Badu and D'Angelo
- 52 Many people find it intolerable
- 53 About 98% of the human genome
- 54 Word meaning "desire" in a classic Sanskrit text
- 57 ___ avis
- 61 Big tear-jerker
- 62 Went under
- 63 Word with fine or signature
- 68 Hands, in slang
- 71 1980s White House nickname
- 72 Dilute something, in a way
- 73 Battery parts?
- 75 Up in the air
- 77 Maker of the Ring in "The Lord of the Rings"
- 80 Surgical instrument with thumbholes
- 81 Joy who wrote "Born Free"
- 82 Forgiving

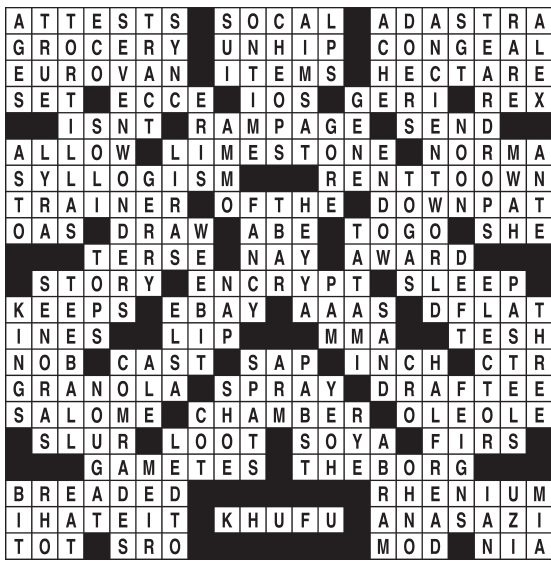


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Answer To Last Week's Puzzle:

- 83 Talent for discernment
- 85 Mic-check noise
- 87 Cattle-ranch identifier
- 89 "The Crucible" setting
- 90 Sheepish?
- 91 "Swell!"
- 92 "I can do this. Hit me."
- 93 Some 10-pointers in Greek Scrabble
- 95 Dish made from durum, say
- 98 Prefix with futurism
- 99 Kids of boomers
- 101 Grads-to-be: Abbr.
- 102 Not prescription, in brief
- 103 Scottish negative

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THIRD NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE FOR TAXES

Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. 12-157, I, as the Tax Collector of the Town of Wethersfield, CT, having made lawful demand for payment of taxes due to me, and payment having been neglected or refused, I WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION the following described real properties, each property being located within the Town of Wethersfield, separately, to satisfy taxes, interest, and charges thereon:

Assessed on the Grand List of 2017 to 2020, 81 Schoolhouse Xing in the name of Karen Malenfant, to satisfy taxes plus all charges accrued thereon: \$11,417.00 located at 81 Schoolhouse Xing, Assessor's Map ID 0651/133, described in Wethersfield Land Records at Volume 1739, Page 0293.

Assessed on the Grand List of 2016 to 2020, 13 Wolcott Hill Road in the name of Bradley S. Milvae, to satisfy taxes plus all charges accrued thereon: \$29,307.20 located at 13 Wolcott Hill Road, Assessor's Map ID 164/058, described in Wethersfield Land Records at Volume 0542, Page 0396.

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None of the properties being sold are guaranteed buildable under current zoning regulations; nor buildings guaranteed habitable. All properties are subject to restrictions, covenants, and appurtenances of record that may appear. The Town of Wethersfield and its officials make no representation, warranties or guarantees concerning the suitability or character of any property offered for Tax Sale. Properties subject to possible additional taxes, interest, fees and other charges authorized by law accruing or becoming payable subsequent to the date of the notice of sale, including jeopardized collection of taxes and charges due on the grand list of 2021, as per Conn. Gen. Stat. 12-163. Such will be added to the amounts indicated above as due and owing. Potential bidders are advised of the possible existence of environmental contaminants on the properties. Each tax sale property is sold "as is." Potential bidders assume full and complete responsibility for ascertaining the suitability and character of each property, for any and all costs incurred pursuant thereto, and for all costs and/or liability incurred as a consequence of bidding.

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All interested bidders must pre-register and provide a \$5,000 deposit in CASH or BANK CERTIFIED CHECK payable to the Town of Wethersfield on the day of the sale, unless the minimum bid for a particular property is less than \$5,000 in which case the deposit shall be in the amount of the minimum bid. The minimum bids will be available in the Tax Collector's Office on or before Wednesday, April 20, 2022. For successful bidders, the balance of the purchase price is due by 4:00 PM, EDT on Thursday, April 28, 2022, or they shall forfeit the deposit and the right to purchase the property.

Bidders must provide a separate deposit for each property on which they intend to bid. A Tax Collector's Deed in favor of the successful bidder shall be lodged in the office of the Wethersfield Town Clerk and shall remain unrecorded for six (6) months from the date of the sale.

If the property is not redeemed during the six (6) month redemption period, then on Monday, October 24, 2022, the Tax Collector's Deed shall be recorded and title to the property shall then pass to the successful bidder. Note that title passes subject to the redemption rights of the IRS if there are any federal tax liens on the property. Additional information concerning this process may be found in section 12-157 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Amounts listed above reflect interest and charges as of March 31, 2022, only. Additional taxes, interest, fees, and other charges authorized by law accruing after the last of the month immediately preceding this notice excluding attorneys' fees and title search costs, have been added to the amount indicated as due and owing will become due subsequent to the filing of this notice. THIS NOTICE HEREBY CONSTITUTES A LEGAL LEVY OF MY TAX COLLECTOR'S WARRANT(S) ON THE ABOVE DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE. 4/10/22 7188377

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SECOND CONSTRUCTIVE NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE FOR TAXES

The following parties may not have been reached by certified mail as of the date of this notice. In

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a. 13 Wolcott Hill Road, Wethersfield, CT – Bradley S. Milvae
b. South Meadow Road (Map ID 304/017), Wethersfield, CT – Joseph Zaleski
The following lienholders, mortgages, encumbrancers of record or other parties who may have an interest in the properties being offered for sale and who may not have been reached by certified mail; they are not primarily responsible for paying the taxes on these properties.

a. 13 Wolcott Hill Road, Wethersfield, CT – Asset Acceptance, LLC in accordance with Connecticut General Statute 12-157: If no place of residence or business is known and cannot be determined by the tax collector for any owner, taxpayer, mortgagee, lienholder or other encumbrancer whose interest in the property will be affected by the sale, in lieu of notice by certified mail...the notice, together with the list of mortgagees, lienholders, and other record encumbrancers whose interests in the property will be affected by such sale, shall be published in a newspaper...having a daily general circulation in the town in which such property is located at least twice, the first not more than eight nor less than five weeks before such sale...and...not more than four nor less than two weeks before such sale (except from CGS 12-157). Note that the listing of "additional lienholders" is required by state statute. Note that this listing may not be a complete list of all lienholders, mortgages and encumbrancers of record on all properties offered for sale, but may ONLY represent parties who may not have been reached by certified mail. This listing should not be relied upon by potential bidders as a complete listing of 2 lienholders and encumbrancers on tax sale properties, and should not be used as a substitute for the bidders' own diligence in determining the character and suitability of any property. Any party listed herein, or anyone with any questions concerning this notice, should contact the Wethersfield Tax Collector's office at (860) 721-2825 or in writing to 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT 06109, as soon as possible. You may wish to contact your private attorney or financial advisor to determine your rights and obligations under Connecticut General Statute 12-157. Employees of the Town of Wethersfield are not permitted to provide legal advice to owners, lienholders, encumbrancers or record, parties of interest, or potential bidders. For updates on the list of properties offered for the tax sale on April 21, 2022, please consult the boards listed in the Town Hall, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT 06109. Note that the listing of a party above as a lienholder, mortgagee, encumbrancer of record, party in interest or "additional lienholder" is not meant to indicate that taxes are owed by that party. 4/10/22 7188390

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Environmentalists tout climate bills

Key measures on horizon for Connecticut: ‘This is the time’

By Alex Puterman
Hartford Courant

After several years of failure in the Connecticut General Assembly to pass significant climate-related legislation, advocates believe this time could be different.

At a press briefing outside the Capitol, a coalition of groups touted a slew of bills, all of which have advanced out of committee and all of which they hope might pass the state House and Senate before the end of the year's short legislative session on May 4.

“I’m really disappointed that we didn’t take bold action enough in the last two sessions,” said state

Rep. Anne Hughes, a Democrat representing Weston, Easton and Redding and co-chair of the House Progressive Caucus. “So I don’t care if [this session] is short or long. This is the time right now.”

These are five bills to watch:

Transportation emissions reduction

Under House bill 5039, Connecticut would adopt California’s emissions standards for medium- and heavy-duty trucks, blocking high-emissions vehicles from being sold in the state.

With the multistate Transporta-

tion and Climate Initiative having fallen through last year, advocates see this bill as Connecticut’s next best chance to reduce transportation emissions, which account for a large share of the state’s total emissions.

Other states, including New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Oregon and Washington, have already adopted California’s standards for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles. Connecticut has previously adopted California’s standards for light vehicles.

“Transportation pollution is one of our biggest environmental

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A community solar project in Cortland, Illinois, is shown in October. Connecticut Senate Bill 176 would double statewide caps on solar energy generated by community solar projects. STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE



A new study from the Open Communities Alliance examines barriers to building affordable multifamily housing in a dozen Connecticut towns, including Stonington, above. GETTY

What are the barriers to multifamily housing?

A new study examines impediments in a dozen Connecticut towns

By Ginny Monk
CT Mirror

In at least 12 Connecticut towns, there are major impediments to building multifamily housing that’s affordable, and many of these barriers exist in the name of preserving the towns’ character, a new study says.

The study from the Open Communities Alliance examines zoning policy and land use in East Lyme, Farmington, Guilford,

Monroe, New Canaan, North Branford, Old Saybrook, Shelton, Simsbury, Stonington, Wallingford and Weston.

Some of the barriers outlined in the report include rules requiring developers to get special permission from planning and zoning commissions for multifamily housing, age restrictions on affordable housing that make it difficult for families with children to obtain housing, and a focus on large-lot single-family homes in predominantly white neighborhoods.

The study says that the zoning decisions push out multi-family housing that’s typically more affordable to families with low incomes.

In the towns examined, single-family housing typically didn’t need approval from planning and zoning commissions while multi-family housing always did, which slows down the process and discourages developers from building, alliance

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State welcomes Afghan evacuees

More than 700 have settled as of mid-March, doubling initial target

By Tom Condon
CT Mirror

On Sept. 15, Gov. Ned Lamont announced that the White House would ask Connecticut to accept “as many as 310 Afghan refugees for resettlement in Connecticut.”

The effort has gone better than expected.

As of March 18, more than 700 Afghans had come to live in the state, more than double the original target, thanks to a well-coordinated public-private partnership created by Lamont and strong public support.

“It’s unprecedented,” said Chris George, executive director of New Haven-based Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services, one of the state’s two major nonprofit refugee resettlement agencies. “We’ve never resettled this many people, or gotten this much support — individual volunteers, groups, donations — in such a short period of time.”

The response “really is remarkable. Connecticut is a welcoming state for refugees and immigrants,” said Susan Schnitzer, president and CEO of the Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants, based in Bridgeport, the other major resettlement agency.

The resettlement has been achieved despite sharp reductions in federal funding over the last four years, a result of drastic cuts in refugee admissions by the Trump administration. While all agencies felt the cuts, they caused what had been the largest resettlement agency in Greater Hartford, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Hartford, to halt its refugee resettlement program.

“We in Connecticut can be proud, though it’s a shame Catholic Charities isn’t still with us,” said Robert J. Fishman, executive director of the Connecticut Immigrant & Refugee Coalition, a policy and advocacy group.

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HARTFORD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA REVIEW

Pianist Kramer plays Rachmaninoff — and wins

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Baseball’s Opening Day has got nothing on Henry Kramer. The guest pianist for the Hartford Symphony Orchestra’s latest MasterWorks concerts chose to tackle Rachmaninoff’s Piano Concerto No. 3 in D Minor, widely thought to be the most difficult piece ever writ-

ten for piano.

It’s not just a test of dexterity, mastery and aesthetics, but of endurance, lasting over 45 minutes and countless changes in mood and style.

The fact that Kramer had to



Kramer

delay this HSO appearance by two years due to COVID-19 — after having just done the concerto with another symphony in late 2019 — is a feat equivalent to the Red Sox’s Rafael Devers hitting a home run in his last appearance of last season and then hitting one Friday in the first inning of his first game back.

The Masterworks “Rachmaninoff & Tchaikovsky” concert’s

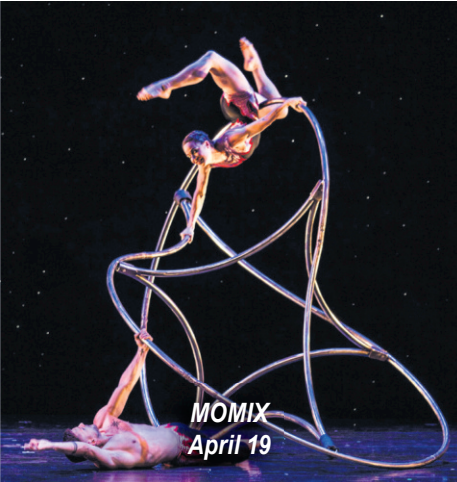
remaining performance is Sunday at 3 p.m.

In action performing the concerto, Kramer plays into the image of a heroic athlete trying to set a record. His poise and intensity are of a champion who knows how to pace himself and has identified every potential obstacle in his path.

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Refugees

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Connecticut, home to an estimated 20,000 Ukrainian-Americans.

Not refugees

The Afghans who’ve been arriving since September are among some 76,000 of their countrymen, most of whom worked for or were otherwise connected to Americans and were evacuated in a massive 17-day airlift as the Taliban took over the country in August.

Technically, most are not refugees; state officials use the term “evacuees.” A refugee is an alien who has been vetted and certified by the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program as having experienced, or having a well-founded fear of, persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion. However, the process is lengthy and complex, taking up to two years after acceptance into the program.

While a few dozen had special visas or were completing the refugee process, most of the newly arrived Afghans, 649 of 703 as of March 18, were admitted through “humanitarian parole,” a process that is sometimes offered to people who need to be moved immediately. Also, the government created the Afghan Placement & Assistance Program to provide initial relocation support services for Afghan parolees admitted to the U.S. from Aug. 20, 2021, through March 31, 2022.

Typically, the Afghans were flown to a “safe haven” military base in countries such as Qatar or Kuwait, extensively vetted with background checks, medical screenings including COVID-19 shots and other measures, then flown to military bases in the U.S. From there they were resettled in communities where they had relatives or where a resettlement agency had the capacity to take them.

While offering work authorization and some benefits such as SNAP food stamps, the Afghan parole is temporary, lasting two years, and does not offer a path to a green card or citizenship. The Biden administration has also offered “temporary protected status” to other Afghans, which affords 18 months of similar benefits. Advocates are pushing Congress



Chris George, executive director of Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services in New Haven, in 2019. COURANT FILE PHOTO

to pass a law that would allow Afghans who often risked their lives for the U.S. to remain here permanently if they so choose. Since passage of the law is not a certainty, Afghan parolees are being urged to apply for asylum (the New York Times reported recently that the Biden administration has finalized a plan to revamp the asylum process, with the goal of reducing the average time from five years to six months). Schnitzer said CIRI is adding legal staff to help Afghans apply for parole or asylum.

It should be noted that the Afghans represent only a tiny portion of the world’s estimated 22.5 million refugees, many of whom wait years in camps until they can come to the U.S. or other receiving countries. In a well-publicized example, the family of Somalia-born U.S. Rep. Ilhan Omar, D-Minn., the first African-born member of Congress, lived in a camp in Kenya for four years before coming to the U.S. At that they were relatively lucky; the average camp stay is seven years, Schnitzer said.

Trump cutbacks

Settling the Afghans who made it to this country was made more challenging by the Trump administration’s drastic reductions in the number of refugees allowed in. In 2016, the last year of the Obama administration, the cap stood at 110,000. Trump reduced it every year, down to 15,000 in his final year in office (and only about 12,000 came, due in part to

COVID-19 restrictions).

Trump’s action drew criticism on both humanitarian and financial grounds. Federal funding, which goes through national resettlement agencies such as Church World Service, Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants and six others to local agencies such as CIRI and IRIS, is per capita, based on the number of people served. Fewer people, less money.

The agencies had to tighten their belts, but Catholic Charities took a bigger hit, closing 31 of 71 programs across the country, according to the National Catholic Reporter. One of them was Hartford’s, which had a decadeslong tradition of resettling Southeast Asian, Kosovar, Syrian and other refugees, sometimes as many as 300 a year.

Hartford Catholic Charities spokesman John P. Noonan said even though his agency is not currently resettling refugee families, if asked, it will make its other programs and services available to families being resettled by other agencies “until such time as we are able to resettle families again ourselves.”

Last year, President Biden raised the refugee cap to 62,500, with a promise to raise it to 125,000 in the coming year. Catholic Charities officials across the country hope this will get them back up to speed helping refugees.

But when that door closed in Hartford, another opened downstate. Jewish Family Services of Greenwich, which had resettled some Russian refugees in the 1990s, stepped up and resettled 32 Afghans and then worked with the Connecticut Immigrant & Refugee Coalition, pivoting away from its usual lobbying role, and settled two families — 10 people — in two apartments in East Hartford provided by Goodwin University.

The major agencies used slightly different resettlement methods. Along with using its caseworkers to resettle Afghans, IRIS has developed a co-sponsor model, in which the agency trains and vets volunteer community or faith-based groups, which then do most of the resettlement tasks. The groups agree to raise at least \$10,000 for the family, find affordable housing, collect furniture and other household items, help access public benefits such as HUSKY/Medicaid and SNAP/food stamps, enroll children in school and facil-

itate job searches, among other tasks.

Chris George said about 30 groups are participating in the program and have settled about a third of the more than 430 Afghan evacuees IRIS has welcomed to Connecticut.

CIRI uses the “community integration model,” where agency caseworkers and managers work with the refugees on all aspects of their initial resettlement. Volunteer groups — from faith-based groups and even the Bridgeport Rotary Club — help with things such as setting up homes before the family moves in and showing the newcomers how to navigate their new communities. CIRI has resettled more than 220 Afghan evacuees, Schnitzer said, noting that the number varies slightly with “secondary migration,” people who land in other states then come to Connecticut, or vice-versa.

The thrust of both the IRIS and CIRI programs is independence and self-sufficiency. “We don’t adopt families,” says the narrator in an IRIS training video.

State role

Gov. Lamont appointed an Afghan evacuee coordinator, Elizabeth Nalley of the state Department of Social Services, and created a public-private-non-profit task force to coordinate state support for the resettlement. The task force met weekly through December and now meets monthly. Schnitzer said it did its job.

“We got help a lot more quickly. Everybody was really focusing on how to make this work well for the people coming in,” she said. She noted that the agencies continued to resettle refugees from other countries as the Afghans were arriving.

The task force built a structure of services around the agencies’ resettlement program. For example, on Feb. 28, the Department of Motor Vehicles held a DMV Day, when evacuees could take the test for learner’s permits in Dari or Pashto. The Department of Labor offered several job-related programs, one in collaboration with the Connecticut Restaurant Association. Other agencies offered help with housing, health care and other services.

Housing was a challenge; a shortage of affordable housing has been a longstanding problem

in the state, so the agencies used temporary housing such as hotels until they could get the families into permanent residences, where nearly 90% now reside. As with other immigrant groups, some new arrivals were traumatized by the sudden uprooting to a distant country. Schnitzer said she is looking for counselors who speak Farsi, Dari or Pashto. Task force members are seeking other mental health resources.

And, as with every other immigrant group who came to Connecticut fleeing war, persecution or natural disaster, most Afghans are looking to work for a better life. The arrivals are “from all across the board,” George said, from university-education translators to truck drivers.

Ukrainians

More than 3 million Ukrainians have fled to Poland and other neighboring countries as the Russian invasion of their country grinds on. Some have even flown to Mexico to try to enter the U.S. from the south. Biden’s announcement last month that the U.S. would welcome 100,000 Ukrainian refugees came in response to growing public sympathy and support for welcoming more Ukrainians into this country.

Prior to the announcement, the administration had granted temporary protected status to Ukrainians who were in the country as of March 1. Also, U.S. embassies and consulates in Eastern Europe have been expediting visa processing for immediate family members of U.S. citizens but reportedly are overwhelmed.

Politico reported that not all of the 100,000 Ukrainians will be admitted through the refugee admission program or during this fiscal year. “A full range of pathways will be utilized, including humanitarian parole and immigrant or nonimmigrant visas.”

Can Connecticut handle another wave of arrivals?

Chris George answered simply: “Yes.”

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staff said in an interview.

Typically, multifamily housing is possible only in commercial or special districts and multi-family housing with more bedrooms is discouraged. This means that it’s harder for low-income families with children to live in these towns and use the school systems in wealthier towns, the report says.

Much of the zoning policy exists in the name of preserving “single-family” character, “small town” character, or “New England” character, the study says. “... This ambiguous and subjective term is often cited in POCDs [Plans of Conservation and Development] and zoning regulations as justification for maintaining single-family predominance,” the study says.

These policies also contribute to segregation in the towns, according to the study.

CT169Strong, a group that advocates for local oversight on zoning issues, said in a statement that it disagrees strongly with the conclusion that white neighborhoods have a higher focus on single-fam-

ily homes.

“Market value is market value and individuals and families make numerous cost-based decisions every day, including where to buy food and what to buy, whether to bring lunch from home to work, what type of car to purchase, and housing choices are no different,” the statement read in part.

Affordable housing and zoning have seen heightened focus in Connecticut and nationwide in recent years as house and rent prices spike. Connecticut has a shortage of about 87,000 units of housing that are affordable and available to extremely low income renters, according to estimates from the National Low Income Housing Coalition.

“I think this report is a really nice vehicle for a lot of towns to do some real self-reflection and make some changes,” said Erin Boggs, executive director at the alliance.

The study is a follow-up to a 2021 report.

Several of the towns studied are working on their affordable housing plans, which must be finished this summer under a 2017 law. Monroe First Selectman Ken Kellogg said his town is working on its plan, although sewerage capac-

ity has posed a barrier.

Many towns officials across Connecticut have said a lack of sewage infrastructure makes it difficult to build more housing. Most homes in Monroe rely on septic systems, Kellogg said.

The town recently started allowing mixed-use development where, for example, apartments might be above businesses. And there are a handful of new apartment developments planned that have units set aside as affordable, he added.

“I know we’re among the towns that don’t have a lot of affordable housing stock ... but we’re trying to address it,” Kellogg said.

Every town has unique needs and natural resources that make developing housing difficult, the CT169Strong statement says. For instance, New Canaan contains a “significant number” of wetlands and reservoirs.

The 12 towns were selected based on a variety of factors including high housing costs, high levels of segregation, high wealth and low percentages of multi-family housing, said Sam Giffin, data and policy analyst with the alliance. The study was based on a document review

“In this day and age, it still surprises me how little focus there is on the issue of racial segregation in these planning documents,” Giffin said.

The report suggests what’s called a “fair share” policy as a possible solution to the lack of affordable housing. The policy would assess the need on a regional basis, then require towns to plan and zone for a certain number of affordable housing units.

House Bill 5204 proposes such a policy. It was approved by the Housing Committee last month.

“It’s clear that we need to do a lot more to promote more inclusive housing across all kinds of towns in Connecticut,” Boggs said in an interview.

While the bill has gotten support from many housing experts and advocates, it’s also met opposition from local officials.

Alexis Harrison, a Fairfield zoning commissioner, said the bill would mute local control. It’s been a common complaint from opponents of the bill who say the state shouldn’t impose a “one-size-fits all” approach to zoning.

“It’s very vague on how it would actually work and how we would arrive at the fair share allocation,”

Harrison said in a previous interview.

CT169Strong also said the legislation could create more traffic, water runoff and congestion.

“Just because you create more affordable homes in suburbs does not mean the town itself is affordable,” the statement says.

Supporters have said the lack of affordable housing stems from a supply-and-demand issue — there hasn’t been enough affordable housing construction in recent years in Connecticut and rising housing costs have left many paying more than a third of their income in rent.

The bill charges the Office of Policy and Management with assessing the need for affordable housing and developing the methodology for divvying up the share of units among towns.

The methodology would be based on a town’s wealth, median income compared to other towns in the region, percentage of housing stock that’s multifamily, and poverty rate, according to the bill language.

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justice problems; transportation pollution is one of our biggest contributors to climate change,” said Ann Gadwah, an organizer with Connecticut’s Sierra Club chapter. “We need to address this head-on.”

Promoting electric vehicles

Senate Bill 4 would promote electric vehicles by providing rebates to residents, municipalities, businesses and others who purchase or lease them, with special priority for low-income people and those in towns and cities designated as “environmental justice communities.”

It would also set new targets for the purchase of electric vehicles by the state. Under this bill, the state-owned fleet should be 35% electric by 2025, 65% electric by 2027 and 100% electric by 2030.

Decarbonizing the electric grid

As local environmentalists note, electric vehicles only go so far in reducing carbon emissions if the state’s electricity is generated from fossil fuels.

Senate Bill 10 would set a 100% zero-carbon target for electricity supplied to consumers in Connecticut by 2040.

“We need a clear law in Connecticut that commits the state to zero carbon by 2040 in our electricity supply,” said Nathan Frohling, director of external affairs at the

Nature Conservancy in Connecticut. “We need that because we need to motivate the other policies and programs that the state needs to do to get to that 100% goal.”

Removing community solar energy caps

Senate Bill 176 would double statewide caps on solar energy generated by community solar projects.

Advocates say the solar energy permitted under the current caps represents merely “a drop in the bucket,” limiting the state’s ability to shift to renewable energy on the timeline Gov. Ned Lamont has proposed.

“It is inexcusable that a state that supposedly is at the forefront of clean energy initiatives, that has this ambitious goal of 100% renew-

able energy by [2040], should be capping solar at [25] megawatts,” said Jeffrey Mayer, executive chairman of Juice Bar, a Connecticut-based electric vehicle equipment company.

“It’s fine to have more efficient vehicles that drive more miles for every molecule of carbon dioxide that they account for in the generation of electricity, but that’s not enough. It has to be combined with wind, with solar, with other renewable energy initiatives.”

Climate change education in schools

Another bill, HB5285, would require that all Connecticut school districts include climate change education as part of their science curriculum.

Liam Enea, president of the

UConn Clean Energy Society, said he learned about climate change in an AP environmental science class, but he wishes other students received similar instruction.

“It’s understanding how each student and person has an influence on the world and how the actions they pursue in life affect everyone else,” he said.

Enea said the full slate of legislation in front of the Connecticut legislature gives lawmakers a chance to show they take climate seriously.

“The legislation before us today can unleash the unique benefits of clean, distributed energy across Connecticut, but they also pose a significant question of the state legislature,” he said. “How serious are you about achieving your climate and energy goals?”

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Consumption advisory issued for Hockanum River fish

Health department warns of possible PFAS contamination

Staff report

The state Department of Public Health and Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Friday issued a consumption advisory for fish caught in the Hockanum River because of possible PFAS contamination, citing a stretch of the waterway starting below the Shenipsit Lake dam in Vernon through to the Connecticut River, according to the agencies and the office of state Sen. Saud Anwar.

Sections of the river flowing through Ellington, Vernon, Manchester and East Hartford are included in the consumption advisory, according to Anwar.

“Studies on PFAS substances find that they can negatively impact human health,” Anwar said in a statement. “In recent years, the General Assembly has taken action to restrict potential PFAS pollution because of potential circumstances like this. I join the Department of Public Health and DEEP in asking residents who fish in the Hockanum River to avoid eating any fish they catch until it can be confirmed



Water flows over rapids on the Hockanum River in Vernon. The state Department of Public Health and Department of Energy and Environmental Protection on Friday issued a consumption advisory for fish caught in the river because of possible PFAS contamination. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

they are safe to consume.”

Based on locations identified by DEEP, DPH recommends not eating fish from:

- The Hockanum River starting below the Shenipsit Lake dam (Tolland Avenue, Vernon) to the Connecticut River, including the riverine impoundments of Papermill Pond (including Pitney

- Park, Vernon)
- Union Pond (Manchester)
- Several small impoundments or ponds on the Hockanum River (East Hartford)
- The Tankerhoosen River (from the Hockanum River upstream to the dam at Main Street)

DEEP reported locations along the Hockanum River from Vernon

to the Connecticut River will likely have elevated levels of PFAS in fish, with the advisory including Union Pond in Manchester, several small ponds on the Hockanum River in East Hartford and the Tankerhoosen River.

The advisory does not apply to Shenipsit Lake or affect the public drinking water supply, the agencies said. The last drinking water sample collected by Connecticut Water Company showed no PFAS above laboratory limits, according to the state agencies.

“The fish consumption advisory is based on fish tissue results recently received and validated. Fish samples were collected in September 2021 in Vernon, between Route 74 and Dart Hill Road,” DEEP said in an online advisory. “In total, 30 fish representing three species — American eel, fallfish and white sucker — were analyzed for PFAS concentrations. Tissue samples showed PFAS at concentrations above levels considered by DPH to be safe for human consumption. PFAS concentrations in white sucker were somewhat lower than the other species tested.”

While fish are not safe for consumption in these areas, fishing and boating remain safe, DPH and DEEP said. Signs will be posted at

affected areas.

“Long term exposure to PFAS may be associated with increased levels of cholesterol and liver enzymes, a change in immune response, an increased chance of high blood pressure and/or pre-eclampsia during pregnancy, and an increased chance of thyroid disease, developmental defects, and cancer, especially kidney and testicular cancers,” according to the agencies.

Additional information on DPH fish consumption advisories can be found at: <https://portal.ct.gov/fish> or by calling a DPH staff person at 1-877-458-FISH (3474).

The DEEP statement noted that the agency “stocked the Hockanum River with 2,059 trout earlier this spring (March 4 and 23) before receiving the data showing elevated PFAS levels in river fish in the area. Anglers are strongly encouraged to either strictly practice catch and release fishing in the areas subject to this advisory, or to fish in other nearby waterbodies also stocked with trout.”

The locations can be viewed on the DEEP interactive trout stocking map at: www.ct.gov/deep/troutstockingmaps.

No additional stocking of trout will occur in the Hockanum River or lower Tankerhoosen River this spring, according to DEEP.

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As in a sporting event, the symphony’s got a camera trained tightly on Kramer, broadcasting his every move. His hands flutter, flitting up and down the keyboard like skittish moths. More laid-back styles and fingering postures go out the window for a piece like this. The technique seems unique, created for this formidable concerto.

The concerto is so complex, so demanding, so insistent that at times it becomes ridiculous. Whenever it appears to calm down, there’s another immense challenge around the corner, another breathtaking flare-up. Of course, as with any great act of athletics, it’s not just about completing the challenge; it’s about bringing grace and style and purpose and personality to it. Kramer hasn’t just tackled, memorized, practiced and

perfected this piece; he’s absorbed it and lives it before our eyes.

The concerto is in three movements, each a grand statement in itself. Together, they transmute simple melodies (thought by some scholars to be derived from folk chants) into fresh bold pronouncements of sadness, anxiety and forbearance. The piano playing starts gently, then gets lush, then stabby and scary, then commanding and all-encompassing. The surrounding orchestra underscores the piano’s high points, turning strides into marches and glides into flights. There are endless emotions to evoke here, and it can be nearly as exhausting for the audience to parry them as it is for Kramer to play them.

Kramer went to the Yale School of Music, where he studied with the great Boris Berman. Before Yale, he was at Juilliard. After Yale, he’s been teaching, currently as the L. Rexford Distinguished Chair in Piano at the Schwob School of

The final performance of “Rachmaninoff & Tchaikovsky,” part of the Hartford Symphony Orchestra’s MasterWorks series, is Sunday at 3 p.m. at The Bushnell’s Belding Theater, 166 Capitol Ave., Hartford. \$38-\$72. Masks required. hartfordsymphony.org.

Music at Columbus State University in Georgia. He has won prizes in several international piano competitions.

Kramer was originally scheduled to perform this concerto in April 2020, following his performance with the Columbus Symphony in the fall of 2019. Then COVID-19 happened. It’s been worth the wait.

On Friday night, Kramer’s performance was greeted with a massive, genuine, enthusiastic ovation that also contained an expression of relief.

At the end of the concerto,

Kramer lets go, leaning far back on the piano bench, dropping his hands by his side and looking like he’s just run a marathon — because he has. Then he plays again, an unannounced wind-down exercise that, compared to the hurricane he’s just blown through, is calm and restful and necessary for us all to just chill out and get our heads on straight again.




“Follow that!” as Jerry Lee Lewis once allegedly said to a headlining act after he’d literally set his piano on fire in the opening set. This is where home team pride and smart programming come in. After serving as sidemen for a sensational soloist for an hour, the symphony gets to show what they are capable of as a unit. Tchaikovsky’s Symphony No. 5 in E Minor is a showcase for communal effort. It builds slowly, enveloping the listener in a swirl of sounds. As always, conductor Carolyn Kuan is magical in how she can pull a melody of motif out of these grad-

ually cohering sounds and let those themes hang in the air so you can catch them clearly and almost see them. Such teamwork, such clarity and a fixed purpose, is a feat of symphonic strength that is just as impressive, if not as flashy, as Kramer’s solo. It’s what makes an orchestra an orchestra.

The piano may be the center of attention for the first hour, but then you get to appreciate everything else.


Hartford Symphony Orchestra still has three more MasterWorks concerts in its 2021-22 season. “From the New World,” postponed in February due to COVID-19, will now happen on May 26 in between the sitar-infused “Scheherazade & Shankar” concert May 6-8 and the season-ending “Beethoven’s Ninth” show, which also offers Philip Glass’ Concerto for Saxophone Quartet and Orchestra, June 10-12.

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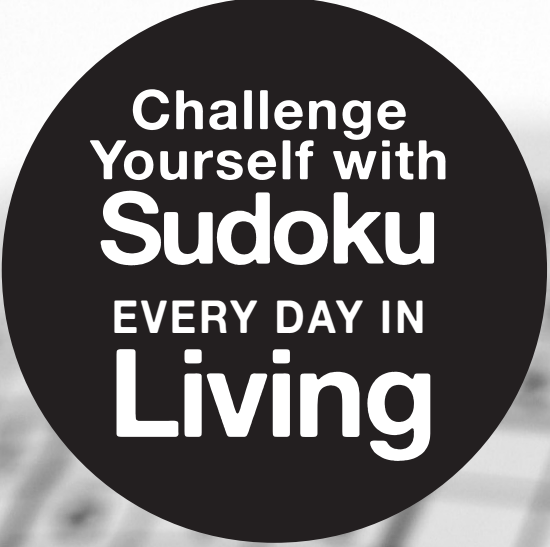
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Denise, adopted 17-year-old Amina



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Spring cleaning for your money

It's a happy coincidence for clean freaks like me that the height of tax season occurs as spring begins. The very moment when you are forced to gather and organize your tax materials is a great time to clean up some of those overflowing and physical files, and to understand in which instances you can consolidate various accounts. Let's start with the easy stuff. Here's how long you need to hold onto various documents:

Tax returns

The IRS can include returns filed within the last three years in an audit. If they identify a substantial error, they may add additional years, but the agency usually does not go back more than the last six years. Therefore, keep your returns and all supporting documents for six years. If you work with a tax preparer, ask whether they will maintain electronic copies of all returns filed.

Physical and electronic bills

■ Bank/investment statements: Keep for one year and for taxable investment accounts, flag purchase and sales confirmations for tax purposes. (Note: If you think that you may be applying for Medicaid, many states require that you show five years' worth of statements.) ■ Home improvements/major purchases: Until you dispose of the asset. Credit card bills: Unless you need to reference something for tax or business purposes, or for proof of purchase for a specific item, you can shred them after 45 days. Flag and keep what you may need for taxes, like charitable contributions. ■ Utility and phone bills: Shred after payment unless they contain tax-deductible expenses.

Keepers

Birth and death certificates; Social Security cards; marriage licenses and divorce decrees; and estate documents

Do you have orphan investment or bank accounts that need attention? By combining them, the resulting higher balance may help avoid or reduce fees and even nab you better deals — not to mention it will help streamline your financial life. If you are stashing your emergency reserve in a traditional commercial bank, check out some of the higher-yielding options online, which are likely to pay higher rates of interest.

Given the job changing that's going on, you may have a few different retirement accounts that are floating around. If you have a new employer that offers a retirement plan that is inexpensive, consider rolling old plans into the current one.

If not, consolidate old plans into one IRA Rollover account at a firm that offers cheap index funds. Combining accounts makes it easier to monitor your entire portfolio and ensure that your money is properly diversified. Also, while the convenience of mobile payment apps is great, balances earn no interest, which is less than even the stingiest of banks. Move balances into accounts that can earn something.

Streamline your shopping: During the pandemic, many of us loaded up on streaming services. Now, it makes sense to slim down on those extra subs as we find more to do out of the house. Use extra savings to pay down debt, beef up savings, increase retirement or investment account contributions, or pay for the higher cost of gas.

Check your credit: Over the past decade, credit scores have been rising. According to Experian, in 2011 the average FICO score was 689 and as of last year, it was 714. A credit score of 700 or more is generally considered good, and helps borrowers secure lower interest rates for loans. To make sure that loan payoffs are properly recorded and that you are getting the best loan interest rates, check your credit for free at AnnualCreditReport.com.

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Build in a 15% buffer to your day or week. ... Spend that time reading, relaxing or resting. It might feel counterintuitive, but it will buy you brain power in the long run.

Pain-free ways to boost your productivity

By Donna McGeorge
Fast Company

Have you noticed how “busy” is the new black? Many workplaces recognize and reward being fast-moving or adaptive. Yet really, they're professional-worker sweat shops, pushing people beyond their limits. The result? Stressed and burned out employees.

In a culture that values hard work and productivity, we're winning when we're going hard. Being busy increases our level of (self-) importance and can become addictive. We feel guilty or ashamed when we aren't doing lots of stuff at work or on our weekends.

Articles, books and podcasts report that successful people are willing to go longer and harder than others. They get up early to get ahead when, in fact, research shows the more sleep we get, the happier we are.

Going hard and being “on” all the time is actually detrimental to what you want to achieve. Pain, stress and fatigue produce neurotransmitters that disconnect you from your executive function (smarts).

Your brain will operate better and be more productive if you build in more downtime. We need to be in an engaged, happy and relaxed state to perform at our peak. Here are some of my favorite techniques to help you do just that.

Build in a 15% buffer

Capacity utilization (mostly used in manufacturing) measures the difference between production and production capability. It is unlikely that a company will function at 100% capacity, so 85% is

considered optimal. This provides a 15% buffer against setbacks like equipment malfunction or resource shortages.

The same can be said about you and your brain. You need to work at 85%, not flat out at 100%, to optimize your resources and mental systems.

TIP: Build in a 15% buffer to your day or week. Cut out 1.2 hours from an 8-hour day; that's one day from a 7-day week. Start by blocking out public holidays in advance (especially if you work for yourself). Spend that time reading, relaxing or resting. It might feel counterintuitive, but it will buy you brain power in the long run.

Watch your body (not your wall) clock

Ever noticed that, as the day wears on, your patience in meetings or conversations becomes shorter and more erratic? The smallest things start to annoy you, because you're drained and your mental energy is low. It's not the best state to be making important decisions or trying to have productive conversations.

Studies of brain waves show us that innovation, inspiration and intuition are only available to us when our brain is in certain states of consciousness. So, the more brain space you protect, the better.

For most of us, our most productive time will be first thing in the morning — hence, big decisions and tasks that require attention and focus (what we call our “real work”) are best done in the morning, and repetitive tasks (email) are best done in the afternoon when your cognitive load is low.

TIP: Maximize your mornings by starting yours the night before. Before finishing

up for the day, plan two or three tasks you want to do first. Avoid switching on your email in the morning until those tasks are done. Protect your most valuable time.

Hold 25-minute meetings

We need meetings. We need them at work because, when they go well, clear actions get set, decisions are made, and the whole business moves forward.

The problem is that we automatically default to holding 60-minute meetings. That's at least 35 minutes of wasted time waiting for latecomers, fixing tech issues and wondering about the agenda (or lack thereof).

Scheduling only 25 minutes creates clarity around doing what's important. If we only have 25 minutes, we had better be focused on what we need to get done. This automatically forces us to think about the top two or three things to discuss in a meeting and drives action.

TIP: Change your default calendar app to 25 minutes, instead of 60. Always provide people with the purpose of a meeting. When you accept invitations, tell others you only have 25 minutes and ask them why you are expected to be there. If there's no reason, or you're unclear on the purpose, then save yourself some time and politely decline.

Simplify your systems

When we're presented with a problem, our instinct is to add things (complicate) rather than remove things (decomplicate).

We set up extra meetings to figure out why work schedules are too cramped, but in doing so add more red tape, more decision points. When your day or week is full, you get up earlier or stay up later to finish. But what if you simply reduced the number of things you committed to doing?

Think about the boundaries you could set up to create a “to-not-do list.” It might include things like social media during working hours, living in your email, having meetings before 10 a.m. and after 3 p.m., or staying up late.

TIP: Look at your current to-do list and remove things that are low value, energy draining or are a distraction from your true goals. All of these things will help you get the important things done, and you'll be surprised at how much time they consumed in the past.



I asked what kind of family Amina wanted. She said, ‘A family like yours.’ That’s when I knew I had to adopt her.

Denise, adopted 17-year-old Amina



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Terry Savage
The Savage Truth

Marriage and money

The spring wedding season is upon us. According to a survey by The Knot, there will be more weddings in the U.S. in 2022 than in any other year since 1984. And, on average, couples will spend \$28,000 on their ceremony and reception, back in line with 2019 levels.

Yet with all the money involved, it's a safe bet that most of these couples haven't focused on the one aspect of their marriage that has the most potential to either disrupt their happiness or contribute to their marital bliss.

A few years back, I co-authored "The New Love Deal: Everything You Must Know Before Marrying, Moving In or Moving On." My co-authors (and good friends) are Gemma Allen, a famed divorce attorney, and Michele Lowrance, a former divorce court judge and now sought-after mediator. The advice in the book is timeless, and it makes a perfect wedding shower gift.

So, in this season of wedding planning, here are a few money tips from our book:

1. Talk openly about money. We suggest starting this premarital money discussion at a quiet time, with a glass of wine — just one — to get things flowing. Start by writing down and sharing your income and your debt obligations, including student loans and credit card debt.

If that's too much of a disclosure challenge before you commit, how can you possibly plan for a lifetime together? This discussion does not preclude keeping money separate; in fact, that's often a good solution. But lack of basic honesty about money matters is a fatal flaw in your future.

2. Respect each other's money personality. There are two basic types of money attitude: saver and spender. The source may be genetic or come from experiences as a young child. But not only can't you change your own money attitude easily, it's almost impossible to change your partner.

Recognize those differences and set up systems that allow each of you to function without stress. Recognize that dramatic disagreements about money style can wreak havoc on your relationship. This is the time to decide if money management is a deal-breaker.

3. Set up a money system. It's important to set up a structure for handling money in marriage. Will you each contribute equally to a household account that is used for basic bills? If your incomes are disparate, will you each contribute the same fixed percentage of after-tax income to the household account? You can still keep separate accounts for personal spending — whether for clothing or birthday gifts to each other.

4. Plan your savings strategy. If you both are working, you should each have a retirement plan at work or an IRA to save for your own future. But will you also have joint savings in a special account to which each contributes? The money could be designated for a vacation or down payment. And how will you invest that money? Respect your partner's risk tolerance when it comes to joint investments.

5. Manage insurance jointly. Homeowners' or renters' insurance will likely be paid out of your joint household account. But if both are working, does one have better health coverage? And if premiums are deducted from her salary, what extra should he contribute to the household expenses? Plus, if your proposed lifestyle demands two incomes, each might consider life insurance with the other as beneficiary.

Perhaps you want to make a written agreement — a prenuptial that could spell out who gets what in case this doesn't work out, as well as any other promises, financial or otherwise, you choose to make to each other.

Or maybe just an open discussion will set you on the right path. But if, at the outset, you feel you need to hide your outstanding debt or your spending compulsion or your penurious savings habits, I promise that your marriage is eventually doomed. And that's the Savage Truth.

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PROPOSED SECURE ACT REGULATIONS



Elliot Raphaelson
The Savings Game

The SECURE Act, signed into law in December 2019, made significant changes to the most popular retirement plans used in the United States. However, much of the statutory language was ambiguous and open to IRS interpretation.

Advisers and attorneys in many cases could only guess how the IRS would interpret the ambiguous provisions. Until the IRS issued final regulations, beneficiaries could not be sure of the procedures to be followed.

The IRS issued proposed regulations for the SECURE Act on Feb. 23. These regulations are applicable for RMDs scheduled for 2022. The IRS is accepting comments, and hearings are scheduled in June. After their conclusion, the IRS will issue its formal regulations.

Even though the proposed regulations are not yet finalized, you should be familiar with them if you expect to be affected. To access the proposed regulations, type "Federal Register: Required Minimum Distributions" into a search engine. What your search will turn up is 275 pages of proposed regulations, so you may want to ask your financial adviser or attorney (if a trust is involved) to review these proposed

regulations. Here are some highlights:

Eligible designated beneficiaries (EDBs): A minor child is considered to be an EDB if the child has not reached his/her 21st birthday. This is important because an EDB is able to use the "stretch" option for taking distributions, based on life expectancy, which is longer than the 10-year rule that will be in effect for other beneficiaries. The regulations also provide guidance for others who qualify as EDBs, such as those who are considered disabled, particularly for beneficiaries under age 18. New documentation will be required for those categorized as ill and disabled in order to qualify for the stretch option.

Beneficiaries subject to the 10-year rule: If the account owner died before his/her required beginning date, then no RMD is required, and the beneficiary is required to withdraw all funds from the IRA account by Dec. 31 of the 10th year following the year of death. However, RMDs will be required if the IRA owner dies after his/her required beginning date. RMDs will be required for years one through nine starting the year after the owner's death.

Spousal rollover: A new rule specifies that "hypothetical missed RMDs" are to be taken in some circumstances. This rule is obviously intended to prevent beneficiaries from postponing required RMDs.

50% penalty relief: When an IRA owner dies before taking all the required RMDs

in the year of death, the beneficiary is required to take the RMD deficiency out of the account.

The proposed regulation provides a waiver of the 50% penalty if the beneficiary takes the year-of-death RMD by the filing deadline, including extensions.

Trust issues: The proposed regulations include revised rules applicable to beneficiaries of trusts, such as rules for "look-through" trusts. As long as the trust satisfies the look-through rules, the beneficiaries are considered designated beneficiaries. Beneficiaries are subject to the 10-year rule.

The regulations covered issues related to private letter rulings. For example, the regulations encompass when beneficiaries are not required to make RMD payments, the impact of powers of appointment, and state laws that permit the terms of a trust to be modified after death.

Also covered are issues related to disabled or chronically ill individuals. For these beneficiaries, the stretch option is available even if the trust includes other beneficiaries.

Reference is made to minor children of the account owner, who still qualify for the stretch option — even if other beneficiaries are included as trust beneficiaries, who are considered non-EDB beneficiaries. Non-EDB beneficiaries are required to use the 10-year rule.

Elliot Raphaelson welcomes your questions and comments at raphelliot@gmail.com.

Can I turn PTO into cash?

Maybe, but that doesn't mean you should skip vacations

By Shalene Gupta
Fast Company

When Matt Cadwell joined the human resources department at digital sign company Stratacache in 2017, he realized there was a problem. Thanks to a generous leave policy, employees had racked up hours of paid time off (PTO) they hadn't used. When they left, Stratacache had to write large checks.

So Cadwell turned to PTO Exchange, a platform that allows employees to trade their unused PTO for cash, donate it or use it for travel or educational expenses. The most popular program is the cash-out option, he says, particularly around the holiday season or right before summer when people want to pad out their travel and gift budget. Cadwell says the only challenge he ran into was communication.

"When an employee thinks you're touching their vacation time, people can get wild," he says. "It's important to make it clear that it is optional, and you don't have to use it if you don't want to."

American workers care deeply about their PTO. According to a 2020 report from Gartner, it's the benefit they value most after base pay. In addition, work-

ers are 70% more sensitive to a change in PTO than in salary.

At the same time, many aren't using all their PTO: Last year, Americans left an average of 5.6 vacation days on the table. What happens to the unused PTO depends on the state you live in. About half the states in the U.S. have laws requiring employers to pay out banked-up PTO when an employee leaves, but some allow employers to forgo the payout if the employee has left after less than a year with the company.

Rob Whalen, cofounder and CEO of PTO Exchange, says he started the company after he and a group of colleagues received large cash payments for their unused vacation days after leaving Cisco. "We were talking about all the things we could have done with the money, such as put it in our 401(k)s or take a family vacation," he said. "That was the light bulb moment."

Whalen says PTO Exchange works with companies to create a communication strategy around the options for employees, and to create policies that ensure employees don't cash out their entire PTO — for example, by only offering cash-outs to employees who've already used two weeks of PTO. He points out that when employees are being compensated, they should think of their total compensation as both salary and



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PTO. Any time an employee loses their PTO, they are losing part of their compensation because their employer has gained more productivity from them.

The idea of exchanging PTO for money is relatively new, says Rich Fuerstenberg, a senior partner at Mercer. He notes that giving employees a choice to cash out PTO creates tax implications for the employee, and the tax legislation is murky.

As such, the idea didn't get much traction pre-pandemic. However, during lockdowns, when travel options shut down, employees started accruing PTO.

"It's not mainstream, but it's gotten employers interested and wanting to learn more," he says.

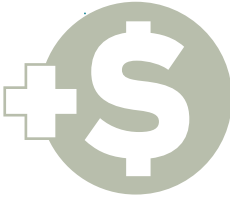
Women under 30 are earning more than men in these cities

On average women still earn 82% of what men make in America. However, young women under 30 are doing somewhat better.

Across America women earn 93% of what their male counterparts make, and according to a new study from Pew Research Center, women under the age of 30 are out earning their male peers in 16 U.S. cities. Here is a list of the cities as well as what percent women under 30 make compared to men under 30.



- **Wenatchee, WA: 120%**
- **Morgantown, WV: 114%**
- **Barnstable Town, MA: 112%**
- **Gainesville, FL: 110%**
- **Naples, FL: 108%**
- **San Diego, CA: 105%**
- **Yuba City, CA: 105%**
- **Champaign-Urbana, IL: 102%**
- **Lebanon, PA: 102%**
- **New York, NY / Newark, NJ / Jersey City, PA: 102%**
- **San Angelo, TX: 102%**
- **Washington DC / Arlington, VA / Alexandria, MD: 102%**
- **Iowa City, IA: 101%**
- **Sacramento, CA / Roseville, CA: 101%**
- **Santa Monica/Santa Barbara, CA: 101%**
- **Winston-Salem, NC: 101%**



SOURCE: Shalene Gupta, Fast Company

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- Avon**
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- Berlin**
Julie Hurley Boninsegna
- Bloomfield**
Dorothy Mae Carr
Jill A. Cope
Alfred Forster
Susan Levin
- Bristol**
Carol G. Albert
Clive B. Lake
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OBITUARIES

Albert, Carol G (Grossman)



We remember Carol (Cookie) Grossman Albert, who passed away Saturday, March 12, 2022, at her home in Cathedral City, California, with her children Peter, Nancy and Jon at her side. Born February 22, 1936, in Staten Island, New York, Carol attended Boston University, where she majored in Physical Education. She enjoyed and competed,



in many sports, including basketball, tennis, paddle tennis, skiing and golf. Along with her husband Karl (Curly), she raised their family in New Britain, Connecticut, where they enjoyed many long-lasting friendships.

In addition to proudly raising her three children and working part-time as a tax preparer, Carol was a member of the New England Lawn Tennis Association (NELTA) Junior Ranking Committee, served on the volunteer ski patrol and umpired professional tennis events. Carol and Curly were avid sailors (cruisers), spending over seven years at sea on their last excursion. Setting sail from Connecticut aboard their yacht Princess New York, they traveled to Long Beach, California. They experienced many adventures along the way, including the crossing of the Panama Canal and were boarded by pirates off the coast of Cuba. They eventually settled in Palm Springs, California, to be near their children and grandchildren, and purchased an RV to continue their travel adventures throughout the Western U.S. and Alaska, spending many summers in Lake Tahoe. While living in the desert, Carol chaired the Ball Kid Committee and served as a volunteer for many years at the BNP Paribas Tennis Open. She scored for pro golfers, played pickleball, worked at the Palm Springs Follies and rode the Tour de Palm Springs into her 80s. Carol also volunteered for the Susan G. Komen Cancer Center. She was a huge sports fan, following and befriending local children wherever she lived. Carol had an endearing knack for remembering details about all of her friends as well as their family members and we will all miss her friendship, wit and candor. Carol is preceded in death by her mother Francis (Nanny) Grossman, father Saul (Pop) Grossman, husband Carl (Curly) Albert and sister-in-law Sue Grossman. Survived by her brother Paul (Pinchy) Grossman, Susan Grossman (wife), her children Peter Albert, Jill Albert (wife), Nancy (Albert) Koopmann, Cody Koopmann (husband), Jon Albert, William Hendley (husband) and grandchildren Joshua Albert, Emily Albert, Jessica Koopmann, Rachel Albert-Hendley and Rebecca Albert-Hendley, whom she all loved dearly. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Susan G. Komen Cancer Center.

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Hill, Virginia M (Quirk)



Virginia M. "Ginger" (Quirk) Desrosiers Hill, 87, of Enfield, entered into eternal rest on Thursday, April 7, 2022 at Baystate Medical Center. Daughter of the late John and Marion (Stanton) Quirk, she was born in Manchester, NH on December 12, 1934. Ginger had a long career as a registered nurse, working in a number of establishments.

Outside of work, she enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Ginger was active throughout her life, taking daily walks and participating in activities at the Enfield Senior Center. She was a parishioner of Holy Family Church and an avid Red Sox fan. Ginger is survived by her children, Anne Battista and her husband Frank of Enfield, Mary Ellen Slade and her husband Dex of Enfield, and James Desrosiers of Somerville, MA; her grandchildren, Kate and Kevin Battista, Emily Johanson and her husband Zachary, Caroline Slade and her companion Nicholas Stevens, and Kenneth Slade and his fiancée Marissa Friedman; her extended family, Robert F. Hill, Jr and his fiancé Mary Alice Brennan of Perryville, MD and James R. Hill of Conway, SC; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her first husband of 21 years, Alphonse Desrosiers and her late husband of 30 years, Robert Hill. Ginger's family will receive relatives and friends from 9:30 to 10:30 am on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels, 61 South Rd, Enfield. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 am at Holy Family Church, 23 Simon Rd, Enfield. Burial will follow in Enfield Street Cemetery. Donations in Ginger's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Diabetes Association. For online condolences, please visit [www.leetestevens.com](#).

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Berzenski, Mary "Manya" A. (Banas)



Mary "Manya" A. (Banas) Berzenski, 91, of Tolland passed away peacefully after a brief illness in the early morning hours on Thursday, April 7, 2022, at Woodlake at Tolland Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. She was predeceased in 1999 by her husband of 40 years, Edward Paul Berzenski. Mary was born in Norwich CT, the eighth of eight children to

her parents John and Regina (Siwiec) Banas who emigrated from Poland to the USA in 1910. Mary attended Norwich Public Schools and graduated from the Norwich Free Academy in 1949, where she was active in the Chorus, Minstrel, and Camera Club among other extracurricular activities and clubs. Mary married Edward Paul Berzenski in 1959, and their love for each other and their Polish heritage took them traveling to many Polka Festivals and Polka Weekends throughout the Mid-West and New England, and they could often be found gracefully dancing the polka at many Dick Pillar Polkabratons as they were members of the Dick Pillar Polkabration Band Fan Club. Mary was proud of her Polish heritage and culture and kept some of the Polish phrases and traditions from her younger years alive in the family. She was always at the ready with her camera for most every and any occasion, as her love for photography remained strong. She enjoyed having photo albums to chronicle the travels she and Ed had, as well as her own travels afterwards. Her collection of photos of extended family and friends shows the love she carried for all of them. When Mary wasn't doing the Polka, taking pictures, visiting with friends and family, she spent her days working at US Envelope and for the Town of Tolland. During retirement, she could be found playing Bingo with her Bingo Buddies, enjoying the excitement, fun and camaraderie. Mary was a fiercely independent woman who took care of all her household needs and yard work on her own and would give help to people rather than accept it. Mary will be remembered by many as Mary, by many as Manya, but by all as someone who was interested in what was going on in the world all around her, globally and at home, and who always had something to contribute to any conversation. She will be remembered for the twinkle in her eye when she smiled and her warm and loving heart. Mary is survived by her sister Alice Avery of Ft. Lauderdale FL, her nieces Linda Banas Crawford of Rockledge FL, Rachel Banas Kapinos (David) of Gainesville VA, Deborah Banas Jones (Cass, deceased) of Middletown CT and their families. She is also survived by her stepsons Paul and Edward Berzenski, both of FL and their families. Mary is also survived by seven great-nieces and nephews, and eight great- great-nieces and -nephews. In addition to her husband Edward and parents John and Regina, Mary was predeceased by her brothers Felix, Teddy, Frank, and Walter, and by her sisters Berta Banas and Veronica Nolan, her nephews William and James Nolan, and a great-niece Nannette Nolan. The family would like to thank the staff at Woodlake at Tolland and the staff from the ECHN Hospice and Palliative Care Program for the care and compassion given to Mary and to the family. A time of visitation for family and friends will be at the Ladd-Turkington & Carmon Funeral Home, 551 Talcottville Rd. (Rte. 83) in Vernon on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, from 9:00 am-10:30 am followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 am at St. Bernard Church, 25 St. Bernard Terrace in Rockville. Burial will be in St. Bernard's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Mary's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, CT Chapter, 2075 Silas Deane Highway, Rocky Hill CT 06067 or online at [www.alz.org.ct](#) or to help Ukrainian refugees in Poland – please consider Operation USA, 7421 Beverly Blvd., PH, Los Angeles CA 90036 or online at [https://www.opusa.org/](#) (follow links to donate to help Ukrainian refugees in Poland). To leave an online condolence please visit [www.carmonfuneralhome.com](#)



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Boninsegna, Julie Hurley



Julie Hurley Boninsegna, 58 of Kensington, formerly of Newington, passed away on April 6, 2022 after courageously battling cancer.

She leaves behind the love of her life Mario Angelo Boninsegna, whom she was married to for 30 years, and their beloved children, Kevin, Kara and Austin. Julie also leaves her parents Jack and Arlene Hurley of Newington, and her mother-in-law Anna Maria Boninsegna also of Newington. She is predeceased by her father-in-law, Angelo Boninsegna.

Julie was a resident of Newington before marrying in 1991 and moving to Kensington. She graduated from Newington High School in 1982, the University of Connecticut in 1986 with a degree in Marketing, Suma Cum Laude and received her master's in Management Information from the University of Connecticut in 1993. She worked in various departments at Aetna for 10 years before staying home to raise her family.

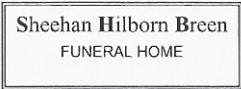
Julie was an avid reader, interior decorator and gardener. She loved the beach, Disney World and most of all spending time with family and friends. Julie loved to travel around the world with her family- her favorite trip being the Amalfi Coast in Italy. She loved hosting parties and inviting guests to celebrate any occasion and always had her beautiful home decorated for the season. She was always ready with a birthday card or a wish for her family and friends. Her smile and generous spirit will live in our hearts forever.

Julie also leaves behind her brother Jack and wife Kristen Hurley, her brother Steve and his wife Christine Hurley, her sister-in law Emanuela Boninsegna, sister-in law Maddalena Scrivano and Blake Twerdy. Her nieces and nephews Sean and Ryan Hurley, Alia and Annika Hurley, Nicole and Michael Scrivano and her great niece Giuliana Scrivano.

A mass of Christian Burial will be held Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 11:30 am at St. Paul's Church, 461 Alling Street, Kensington, CT. Burial will follow at West Meadow Cemetery, Newington, CT. Calling hours are Tuesday from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Sheehan-Hilborn-Breen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford, CT.

In lieu of flowers Julie requested that donations may be made to Helen and Harry Gray Cancer Center, 79 Retreat Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

The family wishes to extend their deepest appreciation and thanks to Doctor Timothy Hong and RN for the infusion center, especially Tiffany Wood, Staff for their care and support. Online condolences may be made at [www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com](#)



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Bartlett, Stephen Franklin



Stephen Franklin Bartlett, of Old Lyme, CT, passed away at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital surrounded by his family early morning Thursday, April 7, 2022. Steve was 72 years old. He was born on November 9, 1949, in Providence, RI, the son of James and Marjorie (Brown) Bartlett.

Steve graduated from Cranston High School in 1967 and attended the University of Rhode Island, where he graduated with a masters degree in Ocean Engineering in 1973. Upon graduation, he served in the US Army Reserves, achieving the rank of Captain.

He married Grace LaPlume on April 15, 1977 (opening day of the Rhode Island fishing season). After a brief stint with Yankee Atomic in Massachusetts, Steve worked for Ocean Surveys in Old Saybrook for over 30 years. In 1975, Steve bought a house on Rowland Road in Old Lyme, CT, and it was here where he started a family with Grace and raised two sons, Stephen and Timothy.

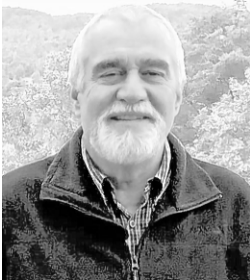
Steve was a true outdoorsman. He was always a passionate hunter and fisherman. And even when his physical disabilities prevented him from going afield in later years, he was always quick to share a story. He loved listening to Yankees games on the radio, catching trout, hunting over his Brittany Spaniels, eating Grace's cooking, and reading about history. He was an active member of Christ the King parish in Old Lyme, in his working years a daily swimmer at the YMCA in Old Saybrook, and a life member of Snake Meadow Club in Danielson, CT.

Steve is survived by his wife, Grace, of 44 years, his son Stephen Bartlett, daughter-in-law Rachel Bartlett, grandson Parker Caswell and granddaughter Elsa Bartlett of Sandwich, NH, and his son Timothy Bartlett of Keene, NH, as well as his sister Lynne Fitzpatrick of Warwick, RI, and his brother Michael Bartlett of Bow, NH.

Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. at Fulton-Theroux Funeral Home, 13 Beckwith Lane in Old Lyme, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at Christ the King Church, 1 McCurdy Road in Old Lyme. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Jude Children's Hospital, North Shore Animal Rescue, or the Old Lyme Volunteer Ambulance Association. Please visit [www.fultontherouxoldlyme.com](#) for photos, tributes, and directions

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Carrier, Thomas Lawrence



Thomas Lawrence Carrier, 68, passed away peacefully on April 4, 2022. Tom was born in Hartford, CT as the second youngest of five children. After graduating from South Catholic High School, he attended Central Connecticut State University earning a BS Degree in Marketing. Tom had a varied work career. His favorite work experience was

at Woodmere Associates, a company founded by his brother Richard. Tom also enjoyed working at Charles W. House & Sons, The Hartford, and Prudential. An active member of St. Mary Star of the Sea Church in Unionville, Tom helped fundraise for the new church, served on many committees, was a Eucharistic Minister, and was involved with religious education. Tom was an avid sports fan who enjoyed tailgating with his wife and UConn football family, playing golf with his buddies in the Farmington Golf League, and rooting for the NY Giants. He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years Theresa (Terri) Carrier, daughter Danielle Carrier and her partner Alexander Ozburn, Christine Robertson and her husband Bryan, beloved grandchildren Isla and Reid Robertson, siblings JoAnn Carrier, Christine Carrano & her husband Al, and sister-in-law Debby Carrier, as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his parents Jeanne & Eugene Carrier, brother Richard Carrier, and sister Deborah Bramucci.

Family was very important to Tom and he enjoyed many family get-togethers with his immediate and large extended family, especially his niece & nephew's SuperBowl Party where he could spend time with their families. The Carrier Family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the nurses and PCAs on Bliss 8 and CB4 for their care and compassion, especially Lindsey, Dawn, Dat, Tony, Marlene, Monika, Tenzin, Jenna, and Palliative Care Nurse, Mary Brennan, APRN. Family and friends may call at The Ahern Funeral Home, 111 Main St., Rt. 4, Unionville, on Sunday (Apr. 10) from 2:00-5:00pm. The Funeral Liturgy will be celebrated Monday (Apr. 11) at 10:30am in the Church of St. Mary Star of the Sea, Unionville followed by burial in St. Mary Cemetery, Avon. All are kindly asked to meet directly at church. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. To send online condolences to the family, please visit [www.ahernfuneralhome.com](#).

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Capozzi, Teodosia (Chieffo)



Teodosia "Tina" (Chieffo) Capozzi, 87, of Plainville, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 7, 2022. She was the beloved wife of Ezio Capozzi, Sr. and together they shared 61 loving years of marriage.

Tina was born in Bagnoli Irpino, Italy daughter to the late Joseph and Josephine (DiSabato) Chieffo. Tina was a devout Catholic and a member of the Saint Anthony Society. Her passions included knitting, cooking, and raising her family. She enjoyed being surrounded by family and friends, always welcoming company into her home with open arms and with great hospitality. The matriarch of her family, she will be missed deeply by all who were blessed to have known her or were lucky to have indulged in her delicious home cooked meals. In addition to her husband of 61 years, Ezio, Tina is survived by her daughter, PJ Marcella, of New Canaan, her sons, Anthony Capozzi and Ezio Capozzi, Jr. and his wife, Susan Whalen, all of Plainville; her sister-in-law, Anna Chieffo, of Newington; her 3 grandchildren, Nina Capozzi, Joseph Capozzi and Johnny Marcella; her 2 step-grandchildren, Kylie and Kristen Whalen; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. She was predeceased by her sister, Rosalie Prezioso and her two brothers, Michael and Vincent Chieffo.

Family and friends are welcome to gather on Tuesday, April 12 from 4 to 7 PM at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 13 at 10 AM at the Church of Saint Patrick, 110 Main St., Farmington. Everyone is asked to meet directly at the church. Burial will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Tina can be made to the Lupus Foundation of America, Northeast Regional Office, 65 High Ridge Road, Box 395, Stamford, CT 06905, or to Autism Families Connecticut, PO Box 370162, West Hartford, CT 06137, or to the Epilepsy Foundation of CT, 386 Main St, Middletown, CT 06457. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](#).

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Becker, Karl



Karl Becker, 60, of Post, TX passed away from this earthly life on March 31, 2022. Karl was born on October 21, 1961, in Hartford, CT to Joseph and Bernice Becker. He was fortunate to be surrounded by 7 sisters and 2 brothers. He is survived by his wife Laurie Becker of Post, TX, three sons; Elijah Becker of Post, TX, Nathanael Becker of Dumas, TX, Jakob Becker of Post, TX; one daughter Julia Becker of Post, TX, five sisters; Charlotte Bulat (Mitchell) of West Suffield, CT, Joan Burge (James) of Wilmington, OH, Laura Hamilton (Thomas) of Palm Bay, FL, Renee Jubrey (Gary) of East Granby, CT, Mara Goulet (Normand) of Hobe Sound, FL; two brothers Joseph Becker (Terrie-Ann), of Windsor Locks. CT and Jon Becker (Susan) of Brownington, VT. Along with his parents, two sisters, Marlene Drought and Donna LeBlanc preceded him in death. Karl earned a bachelor's degree in marketing and a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Franklin Pierce College. He held several accounting, auditing and financial analysts positions in his first career. He returned to the University of Maine Farmington at age 41 and earned his cherished teaching degree. He then taught high school mathematics in Maine and Texas for many years and felt this was his dream job, more a pleasure than employment. Karl loved the outdoors, especially the mountains. One of his valued accomplishments was reaching the peak of Mount Katahdin. He loved to collect movies and had amassed over 1000 DVDs that he organized alphabetically on many bookcases. He also loved reading and music. His tastes varied from classical to jazz to the blues; but classic rock was his love. A celebration of his life will take place on Sunday, April 10, 2022, at 3pm and a link can be provided by one of his family members if interested.

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Donlin, Gloria (Celeo)



Gloria (Celeo) Donlin, 86, of South Windsor, beloved wife of 57 years of the late William F. Donlin passed away peacefully on Friday, April 8, 2022. Gloria was born on March 29, 1936, in Hartford, one of three daughters of the late Joseph and Tommasina (Donadio) Celeo. She was raised in East Hartford, attended local schools and was graduate of East Hartford High School. Gloria was a longtime dedicated Communicant and Eucharist minister of St. Junipero Serra Parish, St. Francis of Assisi Church for 60 years. Gloria cherished life but her greatest joy in life was being a wife, a mother, and a grandmother. She was a very loving, caring, and giving person. Gloria was always helping out at church in anyway she could. What brought happiness to her most was to be the natural caretaker that she was. She always found it in heart to welcome anyone to her home or table. She treasured her time spent with her family and friends, she will live in our hearts forever, and will be dearly missed! Gloria is survived by her five children, James Donlin of South Windsor, Susan (Donlin) LeConche and Rit Bellefleur of Westbrook, Jeffrey Donlin of South Windsor, Maureen Keohane and her husband Bill of South Windsor and William Donlin Jr. and his wife Erin of Tolland. Her nine special and cherished grandchildren, Kelly Donlin, John William LeConche, Justin LeConche, Stephanie Rahm, Amy Rahm, Lindsey and husband Andrew Pedro, Kelsey Flynn, Christopher Donlin and Emily Donlin, her great grandson Roman Leo Pedro and several nieces, nephews and their families. In addition to her husband and parents, Gloria was predeceased by her two infant sons Steven and Peter Donlin and her two sisters, Domenica Healey, and Mary Steben. A time of visitation for family and friends will be at the Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Road in South Windsor on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, from 5-7 pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 10:00 am at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 673 Ellington Road in South Windsor. Everyone is asked to please go directly to the church. Burial will follow in Center Cemetery, South Windsor. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. To leave an on-line condolence please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Holland, Warren L.



Warren L. Holland of Clinton CT, our cherished G-Pa, passed away on March 18, 2022 at the age of 96. Born at Hartford Hospital on May 22, 1925, Warren was the son of Benjamin and Minnie Holland of West Hartford, CT. He spent his childhood summers on the Clinton shoreline where he later met his beautiful wife, Rita, and then lived his last 30 years on Shore Road, the place he was always, truly, the happiest. Warren attended Hall High School in West Hartford where he was Captain of the basketball team and Class Vice-President. While voted "Takes life most seriously" he was also voted "Class Heartbreaker." Upon graduation in 1943, Warren proudly answered the call of duty and enlisted in the U.S. Army to serve his country in World War II. He early-on earned his Sharpshooter Rifle Badge and quickly rose through the ranks. Just a couple of months shy of his 20th birthday, Staff Sergeant Warren Holland led his squad of infantry soldiers across the Rhine River in March of 1945 to begin the push of enemy forces back to Berlin. He was forever proud of his Combat Infantry Badge which was awarded to those who actively took part in ground combat, and which he earned fighting with the squad he led under fire through France and Germany during the war. Honorably discharged in February 1946, Warren enrolled at the University of Kansas and subsequently attended Springfield College, MA. He enjoyed a successful career in the insurance industry and retired from Travelers Insurance in Hartford in 1990. A man who loved the sea, Warren was a lifelong boater and sailor and enjoyed fishing with his family on Long Island Sound and off the shores of Montauk. For many years, he raced his Zip sailboat as a member of the Duck Island Yacht Club in Westbrook where, following in his father's footsteps, he served as Commodore in 1955. The mast from his favorite sailboat serves as the flagpole at his beach house in Clinton. Warren is pre-deceased by his wife of 43 years, Rita Holland (nee Dillon). He leaves behind Mary, his loving companion of 20 years, children Deborah and Scott, son-in-law Rick, and beloved grandchildren Kirsten and Ryder. Warren was a loving and supportive man who provided a steady, gentle hand for everyone in his family. Adored by all, he will be sorely missed.

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Bruening, Helen

Helen Jane Bruening passed away peacefully surrounded by her devoted family on March 10. Jane was born on April 3rd, 1932 to Harry and Mary (McCabe) Jones in Brooklyn, New York. She was a graduate from Shaw High School in Cleveland, Ohio. She resided in Park Forest, Illinois, Cheshire, Connecticut, and Upper St. Clair, Pennsylvania. Jane was a 50-year resident of Madison Connecticut, and Saint Margaret's Roman Catholic Church where she previously served as a member of the Women's Guild and taught catechism. She worked as a nursery school teacher and was an avid participant in her book club. Jane was a loving wife and mother and enjoyed gardening, walks on the beach, cooking, picnics at the Surf Club and attending shows at Long Wharf and on Broadway. Jane was an active member of the Newcomers club and one of the founders of the Encore group. She also loved taking care of her two dogs, Blossom and Toby. Jane was predeceased by her beloved husband of 65 years Donald and her sisters Rosemary Cunningham and Betty Tozzi. She is survived by her children Laura (Michael) Reilly, Susan (Don Congdon), Michael (Karen) and Gerald (Kandee) . Additionally, she is survived by her loving grandchildren Jay Matush, Kevin Reilly, Matthew Bruening and Laura Rose Bruening. The family would like to thank Branford Hills Healthcare Center and Dr. Searle Epstein for their kindness. A Memorial Mass will be held directly in Saint Margaret's Church, 24 Academy St., Madison, CT on Friday, April 22 at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Madison A Better Chance, P.O. Box 371, Madison, Connecticut 06443.

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Baker, Jacob E.



Jacob E. Baker, 48, of Suffield, beloved husband of Jessica S. Baker passed away unexpectedly at home on Tuesday, April 5, 2022. Born September 12, 1973 in Hartford son of Dale and Pat Baker of Suffield. Jacob lived in Suffield most of his life, graduating from Suffield High School with the class of 1992 and from Mitchell College. Jacob spent his career working at The Robert Baker Companies, West Suffield as a nurseryman. He fulfilled his dream of working with plants at the family business. He enjoyed outdoor activities such as snowmobiling and fly fishing, and spending time with his cousins and friends. Besides his wife and parents, he is survived by his twin son and daughter, Jax and Ellery Baker of Suffield; a brother, Jeffrey Baker of West Suffield; a niece, Maeve Baker; his nephews Dominic and Kam'ryn Rodriguez, and many aunts, uncles and cousins. He will be reunited with his best friend and cousin, Collin Michael. His family will receive friends on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 from 5-7 PM at Nicholson & Carmon Funeral Home, 443 East St. N. (Rt. 159), Suffield. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 11:00 AM at Nicholson & Carmon Funeral Home followed by burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Suffield. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Bernard School, 232 Pearl St., Enfield, CT 06082. To leave on-line condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Delvecchio, Janette Marie

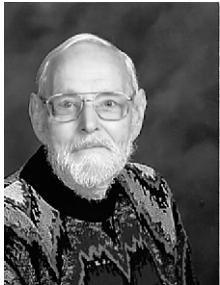


Janette Marie Delvecchio, born on January 16, 1933, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Thursday, April 7, 2022. She grew up in the South End of Hartford, the daughter of the late Pasquale and Gemma (Sarrantonio) Delvecchio. Janette was involved in politics and worked tirelessly on state and local campaigns. She served as both a member and officer of the State Central Democratic Committee. She was appointed the first woman Registrar of Voters in Hartford, a position which she truly enjoyed. Following her political career in Hartford, Janette retired to Cape Canaveral, Florida. She was active in the area's Hartford Club. While in Florida, she enjoyed what she loved the beach, a good book and good food with friends! Her greatest joy was providing vacations for her family from the Northeast. Janette leaves her sister, Marion Russo and partner Bob Staples of Maine and her brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Susan Delvecchio of Higganum. Lovingly known as Aunt Jay, she also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews and great great nieces and nephew. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her sister, Gloria Stino and brother, Libre Delvecchio. Funeral services and burial will be private at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Janette's memory to The World Central Kitchen at wck.org #ChefsForUkraine. The D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, Wethersfield has been entrusted with the arrangements. To share a memory of Janette with her family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.



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Forster, Alfred



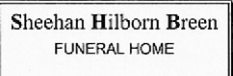
Alfred Charles Forster, 90, of Bloomfield passed away on Friday, March 18, 2022. Born July 10, 1931 in Hartford, and son of the late Frank and Irene (Detweiler) Forster. He attended the Blue Hills Baptist Church during his youth and as an adult, joined the Adirondack Community Church in Lake Placid, New York. He lived in Bloomfield his entire life. After graduating from Bloomfield High School, he went to work at St. Francis Hospital as an Aide, then became an LPN, and also held other positions before retiring in 1994 after 44 years of service. Alfred was a member of the Tunnix Grange #13 for 50 years and served as Lecturer and Chaplain. He was also a member of the St. Francis Retirees Club and served as Vice President. He was a collector of everything and loved Lake Placid, New York. He is survived by a brother, John Forster and his wife Karen of Southington, nieces and nephews Kimberly and Scott Thompson, Daniel and Tina Forster, Christopher and Heidi Forster and Deborah and Paul Houman and all their children. He is predeceased by two brothers, Frank Jr. and William Forster. A Memorial Service and Burial will be held at the convenience of the family. Memorial donations may be made to the Masonic Charity Foundation of CT, P.O. Box 70, Wallingford, CT 06492. To leave on-line condolences, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Cope, Jill A.

Jill A. Cope, age 78, of Bloomfield, passed away on Saturday, February 19, 2022 at Saint Francis Hospital, Hartford. Born in Hartford, Jill attended St. Thomas the Apostle Elementary School and Mount Saint Joseph Academy in West Hartford, her initial home. She moved with her parents to Pittsfield, MA, Albany, NY, Fort Myers, FL and Farmington, CT. After her mother died, she settled in Bloomfield, CT. As a young woman, Jill became a Licensed Practical Nurse specializing in pediatrics. In Florida, she was ordained as a minister. For over twenty years, she was associated with the River Valley Christian Center in Farmington, CT, a non-denominational church. She was known for spreading the good news of Jesus and the hope, joy, and love she experienced through her relationship with God. She had a passion for teaching and counseling. Jill was preceded in death by her parents, Jack Cope and Olga Haas, for whom she provided never-ceasing care. She is survived by her loving brother John (Jay), his wife Peggy and nephew John. A Memorial Service will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 14 at the Sheehan Hilborn Breen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford, CT. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com.



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D'Addario-Stille, Jody A. (D'Addario)



Our dear Jody, 66, of East Hartford and Aschau, Germany, passed away Monday Dec.6, 2021 in Germany. She was the beloved wife of Paul Stille for 32 years. When Jody moved to Germany to be with Paul in 1982 she didn't speak the language. She went to University for language (German) and turned it into a career. She taught English to German businesses and worked as a translator. Jody loved to travel. She was fortunate enough to see most of the World. She and her Mom Phyllis took several European adventures together. She was an avid fly fisherman, a passion introduced by her Dad Joe and shared through the years. On her trips home you could find them at the stream in the Pocono's. With the six hour time difference Jody and her brother Curt shared many nice 30 minute phone calls on his way to work. Time he is so grateful for. Jody was predeceased by her Father, in September 2021. She is survived by her Mother, Phyllis of Columbia, Brother Curtis (Tracey) of Columbia, Aunt Lenora (John) Rice of Ellington, Aunt Barbara Roboy of Vermont and Uncle Spencer (Joann) Nauss of Amston and many cousins, nephews and niece.

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Roberge, Nicholas S.



Nicholas Roberge, 37, of Enfield, entered into Eternal Peace on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, surrounded by his loving family. Nicholas was born on October 5, 1984, in Portland, ME, the loving son to Scott and Heide (Rushinski) Roberge of East Hampton. He grew up in Somers, CT, attending local schools and graduating from Somers High School. Nicholas proudly served his country in the United States Army following graduation. He was with the 1-11 ACR Division during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Following his honorable discharge from the service, he was employed as a chef at several local restaurants. He also enjoyed sports, playing baseball throughout his high school career and later becoming an avid golfer. He was a big fan of the Boston Bruins and Boston Red Sox. In addition to his parents, Scott and Heide Roberge, Nicholas is survived by his sister, Meagan S. Colby and her husband, Carter; grandparents, Richard A. and Lucille L. Roberge and Helen Rushinski; his nephew and niece, of whom he adored, Miloh and Norah, step nephews Joshua and Mason; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Nicholas also leaves his beloved four legged companion, Kohl. Burial will be held privately at the convenience of the family. A memorial gathering for friends and family will be held on April 24th at 2:00 pm at the American Legion Hall, located at 20 American Legion Drive, Manchester CT. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial donations in Nicholas's honor may be made to VA Connecticut Healthcare System, Oncology Department, 950 Campbell Ave, West Haven, CT 06516 or to the ASPCA, Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 96929, Washington, DC 20090-6929. To leave online condolences please visit www.leetestevens.com

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Wayner, Julia E.



Julia E. (Long) Wayner, 45, of Glastonbury, CT died on March 15, 2022 succumbing to cancer. She was born in Port Jefferson, NY and grew up in Suffield, CT. She began her working life at Hamilton Standard in 1998 where she met the love of her life, Andrew Wayner, and they were later married on August 16, 2002. They were happily married for almost 20 years and during that time enjoyed raising and caring for their beloved pets Monica, Sven, Copper, Kona, and Tempe. She earned degrees from University of Hartford, Western New England College and Indiana University. She used her advanced degrees in Computer Science and Business Administration throughout her career as she worked in the field of Information Technology (IT) management. She was named one of Hartford Business Journal's "40 Under Forty" in 2013, which honors outstanding young professionals in the Hartford area. She was an avid triathlete, cyclist, and runner, completing multiple full and half Ironman competitions, bike races and marathons and half marathons. She completed the World Championship Ironman competition in Kona, Hawaii in 2010. Julia was a loving, generous, supportive, and inspirational daughter of Jeanne (predeceased) and James, sibling of Jennifer (Tom), James (Carrie), and Jacqueline (Jan), aunt to Patrick, Christine, Rebecca, Julia Ann, Joseph, Andrew, and David, and friend to all who knew her. There will be a memorial celebration of her life on Saturday August 27th from 1pm to 4pm at Wickham Park located at 1329 West Middle Turnpike in Manchester, Connecticut. Hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic beverages will be served. Guests are welcome to bring their own preferred food and beverages as well. To extend condolences, please visit Farleysullivan.com.



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Hough, Roger



Roger Hough, formerly of Munster, Indiana, Pilot & avid Golfer, passed peacefully at his home in West Hartford, CT with his family & friends by his side on Wednesday. He was 89 years old.

Survived by his daughter; Mary Hough-Scholl, and five grandchildren, & their spouses; Rebecca (Scholl) & David

Lelesi, Jordan Ferreira, Robin (Scholl) & Joshua Parent, Julia (Ferreira) & Aaron Callahan, and Jessica (Ferreira) & Jacob Prucnal, & his eight great-grandchildren; Caleb Lelesi, Emily & Lincoln Prucnal, Faith & Evan Parent, & Riley, Keira & Emilia Callahan. He was predeceased by his wife of over 50 years, Jo Ann (Sprinkle) Hough, and daughter, Debra (Hough) Ferreira.

Roger served in the US army during the Korean War. He is survived by four brothers and one sister, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Roger will be interred alongside his beloved wife at Fairview Cemetery in West Hartford on Wednesday, April 13th, 2022 @11:30.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to the Wounded Warrior Project in Roger's name. *Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries*

Laskarzewski, Donald



Donny Laskarzewski, 65, of Rocky Hill, beloved father, brother, friend, and renowned troublemaker, passed away on April 3, 2022. He told us so many times that nothing could kill him, and took every opportunity to prove it, that we started to believe him. A gifted sportsman, an ardent biker, and hater of most rules, we know he is riding into his wildest off-grid mountain man dreams, full of fireworks and explosions, on the coolest Harley ever. Not one for ceremony, services will be private. We suggest causing a little mischief in his honor.

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Lake, Clive B.

Clive Lake passed away on March 25, 2022. He will be greatly missed. A private funeral service was held. Donations in Clive's memory may be made to Faith Bible Church, 168 Unionville Avenue, Plainville, CT 06062. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com.



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Lehman, Russell Francis



92, of St. Petersburg, FL passed away on April 1st, 2022. He is predeceased by his wife, Gretchen Lehman, daughter, Gale Hansen, and sister, Patricia Guzzo. He is survived by his daughter, Janis (Peter) Lehman, brother, Robert Lehman, sister, Rosemary Parr, granddaughter, Jessica (Matt) Hansen, and great granddaughter, Abigale Cusson.



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Lawton, Ethel P (Biermacher)

Ethel P. Lawton, 93, beloved mother of five sons and resident of Newington for 70 years passed away peacefully at her home on March 27TH, 2022. Ethel was born June 15, 1928 in Hartford, daughter of Carl J. and Ethel L. Biermacher of West Hartford. She married Donald D. Lawton in 1950 and raised her family. She worked as office manager for Purolator for a number of years. She was proud of her German Heritage and was an officer of the Hartford Saengerbund for many years and a member for 55 years. She was particularly known for her interest in folk dancing as a performer and also for the traditional costumes that she created. For many years Ethel was a volunteer at the Lucy Robbins Wells Library. There was always a cat in the house. Ethel leaves behind Richard and Barbara Lawton, David and Ann Lawton, Brian and Christine Lawton and Craig Lawton. Grandchildren include Eric, Amy, Nicole, Stephen, Kimberly, Zachary, Matthew and Michelle as well as five Great Grandchildren. She was pre-deceased by grandchild C.J.

Also among us is Carol Lombardi, the last remaining neighbor of long standing and Mom's closest friend. Ethel will be laid to rest in a private ceremony. In lieu of flowers, Ethel's wishes were that donations be made to The Lucy Robbins Wells Library and The Connecticut Humane Society in Newington.

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levin, susan



Susan Levin 81, daughter of Pearl and Richard Levin, passed away on March 7th. She was born in West Hartford, attended the Loomis Chaffee School and graduated The University of Michigan with a Bachelors in Fine Arts. Susan worked as a research associate in genetic testing at both Yale and Rockefeller Universities before pursuing a career as a pastry chef in San Francisco. She was never without a book in hand, had a pilot's license and was an avid sailor. Her husband, Jeff Kuhn, predeceased her. She is survived by her siblings, Joel, David and Jane, and by her nieces and nephews, Rachel, Lily, Peter and Alec.

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Melnicsak, Frances (Balf)



Frances (Balf) Melnicsak, beloved wife and lifelong friend of James F. McNally of West Hartford, CT departed this life peacefully on Friday, March 25, 2022 surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Hartford, CT on May 14, 1932, she was the daughter of Frank A. Balf and Florence (Rush) Balf. Frances grew up in Hartford, attending the Cathedral of St. Joseph School from kindergarten to ninth grade. She graduated from Hartford Public High School and the University of Connecticut at Storrs. She also attended the Graduate School of Social Work at UConn and later earned a Master of Arts in Counseling Therapy from Saint Joseph College in West Hartford. Her education enhanced the qualities of kindness, sympathy and generosity that came naturally to her. She was employed professionally at Catholic Family Services, Hartford Hospital's Department of Social Work, the University of Hartford, and Hartford College for Women where she was a counselor and assistant administrator of a program designed to assist minority women in the workplace. She retired in 1990, having thoroughly enjoyed her chosen profession and the wonderful people she encountered.

Fran was known for her compassion and understanding. She loved people and they loved her. Fran was small in stature, but she had confidence and determination and was not afraid to take on any challenge for a worthy cause. She appreciated the beauty of nature and loved to birdwatch wherever she was. She was an avid reader and enjoyed writing children's stories and poetry. The Cape house that her first husband designed and built for her proved to be a quiet haven where she could read, write and enjoy the ocean beaches with family and friends. She loved to sing and dance and enjoyed playing the piano. There were always fresh flowers on her dining table, a happy dog in the house and a homemade dessert baking in the oven. Fran was a loving wife, a wonderful mother and a loyal friend. Fran was a communicant of St. Mark the Evangelist Parish for 42 years, where she was involved in teaching CCD classes, the church choir, and served on the Liturgy Committee. Later she became a parishioner of St. Peter Claver in West Hartford. Her faith, family and her friends were of most importance to her. Fran also volunteered as an assistant leader for the Girl Scouts, an activity she greatly enjoyed.

Besides her husband James, she leaves two cherished and devoted daughters, Nancy Melnicsak and her husband Douglas Greene of Portland CT, and Lisa Melnicsak and her husband Keith Kelley of Essex CT. Fran always said her daughters were her best friends, having shared many happy vacations with them at Cape Cod, Ireland, and other destinations. She also leaves many beloved cousins who enriched her life and whose companionship was very important to her. She highly valued her lifelong friends and maintained close ties with them. Frances was predeceased by her husband of 32 years, Arthur J. Melnicsak, in November 1991.

Fran knew her life was very much blessed with the family of four adult children, their spouses and 15 grandchildren that she joined in March of 2003 when she and James McNally were married. She also felt it a real privilege to spend time with the grandchildren who she loved dearly and who called her "Grannie Frannie". Fran's family would like to thank her devoted and compassionate caregivers: Pearlana Patrick, Tracy Chamberlin, Karen Shoneck and Kimone Beckford-Nevins for their kindness, friendship and support during Fran's illness.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held for Fran on Saturday, April 23 at 11:00am at St. Peter Claver Church, 47 Pleasant Street, West Hartford, CT with a reception to follow. Burial will be private at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Fran's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, (501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105), Covenant House (Times Square Station, P.O. Box 731 New York, NY 10108-0900) or an animal welfare charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com.

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Olenick, Robert J.



Robert J. Olenick, 89, of Middletown, formerly of Durham, died Saturday March 12, 2022 at Wadsworth Glen Health Care. He was born in Brooklyn, NY, son of the late, Emanuel and Dora (Onyshikowitz) Olenick. Prior to his retirement, Bob was employed as a food inspector with the USDA. He served in the U.S. Army from 1954 to

1956. Bob was an Eagle Scout from Brooklyn, NY in the late 40's. He served as Scoutmaster of Troop 16 of Third Congregational Church in the early 80's and the Troop Committee Chairman for decades. He had served at the Troop, District, Council and National level. Robert was also a Vigil member of the Order of Arrow as well as a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award, the highest recognition in Scouting in council. He will be missed by many in his Scouting Family that he was active in for 70 years. He is survived by daughters Ann Marie of Portland, Kathryn of Middletown, Patricia of Middletown, Carole Burr of New Haven and son Alan of West Haven, 6 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren, and his niece and nephew. He was predeceased by his wife Yvonne, daughter Elizabeth and his brother Elmer and his wife Rhoda. On April 16, 2022 at 10:00 am a graveside service will be held at Durham Cemetery, 30 Town House Rd. Durham, Ct. followed by a Memorial Service at 11:00 am Third Congregational Church, 94 Miner St. Middletown, CT. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may send memorial contributions to: BSA Troop 16 c/o William Shea, Scoutmaster, 50 Goodman Dr. Middletown, CT 06457. To share memories or express condolences online please visit www.biegafuneral-home.com

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Steadward, Lauren



Lauren K. (Clark) Steadward, 50, of Tolland, loving wife of Thomas Steadward, passed away at her home surrounded by her family on Tuesday, April 5, 2022. She is the daughter of the late Edith (Toomey) Clark. Lauren was employed at Hartford Hospital, as an X-ray Technologist, where she thought of her coworkers more like her family and was also an avid motorcyclist. She enjoyed rides with her husband and motorcycle family.

Lauren leaves behind her husband Thomas; her children Madison LaBua, Devon LaBua, and Caeli Hoffman; brother Brian Clark and his wife Brenda Giola; step-children Talon Steadward and Brittney Steadward; and granddaughter Ariel. She is also survived by several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and her loving dog, Bear.

Family and friends may call on the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center Street, Manchester, on Friday, April 15th from 4 – 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 16th at 10:00 a.m. at Bolton Congregational, 228 Bolton Center Road, Bolton, CT.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Glioblastoma Foundation www.glioblastomafoundation.org. For online condolences, please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.

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Whitehead, Jr., Raymond

Raymond Whitehead, Jr., 88, of Middletown, beloved husband of Patricia (DeFrance) Whitehead, died Monday, March 29, 2022. Ray was born in Middletown, son of the late Raymond Whitehead, Sr. and Louise (Terrill) Whitehead. Prior to his retirement Ray was employed by SNET. He also served as a supernumerary for the Middletown Police Department. Besides his wife, Patricia, Ray is survived by a daughter, Sharon L. Whitehead of Rocky Hill, three sons, Thomas A. Whitehead of East Hampton, Randall R. Whitehead of Middletown, Raymond J. Whitehead and his wife Sharon of Higganum, a sister-in-law, Lorraine M. DeFrance of Middletown, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He was predeceased by a grandson, Jeffrey Whitehead, a sister Joan Field, and a brother, Alton Whitehead. Funeral services with Military honors were privately held. Memorial contributions may be sent to, Alzheimer's Association CT Chapter 200 Executive Blvd., Suite 4B, Southington, CT 06489. To share memories or express condolences online please visit www.biegafuneralhome.com.

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Manochio, Domenic



Domenic Manocchio "Dom" "Donny", 62, of Terryville, died on Thursday (April 7, 2022) at Bristol Hospital. Dom was born in Bristol on July 15, 1959 and was the son of the late Anthony and Antoinette (Spinelli) Manocchio. He was raised in Bristol and graduated from Bristol Central High School. A longtime Terryville resident, he formerly worked

for Copart and was presently working for Winterberry Gardens. An avid hunter with many trophies, he was a member of the Bristol Fish and Game Club and the Bristol Elk's Lodge and was a parishioner of St. Anthony Church, Bristol. Dom is survived by three siblings: Joanne Sekorski and husband, Robert of Harwinton, Christine Atkins and husband, Barry of Casco, ME, and Steven Manocchio of Bristol; his girlfriend: Shannon Cyr; and aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday (April 13, 2022) at 9:30 AM from Funk Funeral Home, 35 Bellevue Ave., Bristol, to St. Anthony Church, 111 School St., Bristol for a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 AM. Burial will follow in Saint Joseph Cemetery, Bristol. Relatives and friends may call at Funk Funeral Home on Tuesday between 5 and 7 PM. Please visit Dom's memorial website at www.FunkFuneralHome.com.



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Poshpeck, Carolann (Redding)



Brentwood, NH: Carolann Redding Poshpeck, 66, passed away Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at Hyder Hospice House in Dover, NH, surrounded by her loving family after a long illness.

Born April 23, 1955, daughter to the late John and June (Marshall) Redding. Raised and educated in Edison, NJ,

a graduate of J.P. Stevens Highschool. She furthered her education and earned her Bachelor of Arts from Villanova University in 1977. Beginning her career in the commercial market environment, working at Carrier Corp in up-state New York. Carolann subsequently transitioned her career into an educator, working for the Community College of Philadelphia and later the Community College of Delaware. She went on to earn her Master of Education degree from River University in Nashua, NH.

Carolann was an avid runner and enjoyed making those she loved and cared for happy. Above all, she was devoted to her family and friends, leaving a loving mark on everyone she knew. Carolann will be remembered most for her kind, caring, gentle nature.

Carolann is survived by her loving husband of over 20 years, Richard Poshpeck and his children, Christopher Poshpeck and his wife, Patience of Cape Elizabeth, ME, Laurie Poshpeck-Caldwell and her husband, John of Danville, NH, and Karyn Poshpeck McNamara of Fremont; six grandchildren, Bailee, Addison, Grace, Charlotte, Anna, and Owen; brother, Keith Redding and his wife Mary Ellen, of Furlong, PA; sister, Greer Fleisher and her husband, Andrew of Portsmouth, NH; four nieces, Taylor, Katie, Samantha, and Megan; nephew, Erik and countless close friends and college alumni friends. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her two sisters, Christine Redding Rath, Jacqueline Redding Casey, son-in-law Timothy McNamara, and her loving grandson, Casey McNamara.

The Poshpeck-Redding family would like to thank the Hyder House of Dover and the Wentworth Homecare & Hospice group for their compassionate and loving care.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Carolann's Life Celebration to be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Brookside Chapel & Funeral Home, 116 Main St., Plaistow, NH. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday April 13, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in Saint Anne's Church, Emerson Avenue, Hampstead.

Arrangements are under the direction of Brookside Chapel & Funeral Home, 116 Main St., Plaistow, NH. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Carolann Poshpeck in support of the Frontotemporal Disorders Unit at Massachusetts General Hospital and mailed to: Mass General Hospital Development Office, 125 Nashua St., Suite 540, Boston, MA 02114, Attention: A. Van Strien. Donations may be made online at giving.massgeneral.org/donate; please be sure to indicate that the gift is a tribute gift in memory of Carolann Poshpeck. To send a condolence message to the family, please use the guestbook from the funeral home website.

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Pomerantz, Trudy (Hurwitz)



Trudy Pomerantz, of Lenox, MA, formerly of West Hartford, CT, passed away on April 8, 2022 at Kimball Farms Nursing Care Center. Trudy was born to Henrietta and Irving Hurwitz on March 26, 1926 in Hartford, CT. and moved to Brooklyn, NY. She briefly attended NYU before meeting the love of her life, Paul Pomerantz, on a trip to Hartford to visit family. They

married on March 14, 1948 and made their home in West Hartford where they raised two daughters, Leesa and Deborah. Throughout her early married years, she enjoyed her performances in community musical theater and was active in the Sisterhood of Beth David Synagogue. She loved singing and dancing and continued to do so throughout her life. After 62 years of marriage, Paul passed away in 2010 and she eventually moved to Kimball Farms Independent Living in 2016 to be near her daughter. Trudy became a well recognized resident, due to her bright smile, pleasant demeanor and trademark full head of white hair that everyone commented on with envy. She began painting while a resident and it was quickly obvious she had talent in this area. She will always be remembered by her works of art displayed in her children's and grandchildren's homes. Known to them as "Goggy", (a name her first grandchild gave her), she celebrated all of their academic, athletic and theatrical achievements throughout the years with an enormous amount of pride and happiness.

She adored and will be missed by her children, Leesa and husband Robert Sonnichsen of Madison, CT, and Deborah and husband Jay Kain of West Stockbridge, MA, as well as by each of her grandchildren: Tyler and partner Lisa LaDuca, Brittany and husband Hooman Adamous, Alex and partner Marissa Sipos, Jennifer and husband Charles Kilgore and Caroline and husband Sean Schooley. She was so blessed to have known two great-grandchildren, Ella and Mia Adamous. There will be a private graveside service for family only. The family wishes to send an especial thank you to the nurses and staff at Kimball Farms Nursing Care Center and Hospice of the Berkshires for their exceptional care and compassion.

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Rapacki, Sr., Joseph L.



Joseph L. Rapacki Sr., 99, of New Britain, passed away on Thursday, April 7, 2022 at home. Born in Newington, he lived there most of his life before moving to New Britain. He was a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II, serving in Italy. He retired from the University of Connecticut, Health Center in Farmington. Joseph was a charter member of the Knights of Columbus, Council 3884 in Newington and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Past 511.

Surviving are his wife Elsa Rapacki; two sons, Joseph Rapacki Jr. and Richard Rapacki; five grandchildren, Richard Jr., Tara, Jodi, Krista, and McKenzie; four great-grandchildren, Owen, Connor, Richard III and Olivia; a niece, Lilliam; and by many other nieces and nephews. Calling hours are Tuesday from 5-8 PM at Erickson-Hansen Funeral Home of Berlin/Porter's, 111 Chamberlain Hwy, Kensington. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 10:30 AM at the Funeral Home. Entombment, with military honors, will follow at St. Mary Cemetery. Please share a memory of Joseph with the family in the online guest book @ www.erickson-hansenberlin.com.

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Skenderian, Robert A.



Robert A. Skenderian passed away peacefully March 20, 2022 at the age of 87. "Bob", "Bobby", "Dad", "RAS", "Skinny" and "Podge" were among the many affectionate names that his beloved family and friends used. He had a big heart, was kind to all and on any given day, would often strike up conversations with those who crossed his path. He could tell a joke better than most and would often fool his friends with stories that would stretch out until the laughter started once they knew he had reeled them in again. Above all, Bob was a gentleman and believed in treating others with dignity, courtesy and respect. He was dedicated to his faith and was one of the longest standing members of St. James's Church.

A lifelong resident and business owner in West Hartford, there were few who did not know the Skenderian name. As an interior designer, Bob coveted his ASID designation and continued the family business, as started by his father in 1927. He loved traditional design and often recounted the families he completed work for as he drove around West Hartford. He attended the original Hall High School in West Hartford Center and went to Nichols College. Bob was a gifted athlete, playing soccer and baseball during those years. As an adult, golf was his passion and over the course of his life, he enjoyed many rounds, both on and off the course at Rockledge and Avon Country Clubs. It is believed that he still holds the front 9 record of "29" at Rockledge.

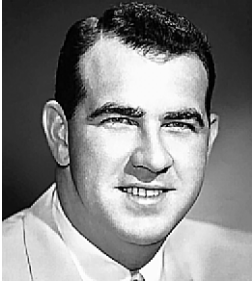
Bob was predeceased by his parents, Aram and Rose Skenderian and his beloved wife of over 50 year, Penny. He is survived by his sister Dianne Skenderian, his son Gerry Skenderian, his wife Ingrid and their children Aram and Gerald, his daughter Lesley Skenderian, Michele Parrotta and their children Lillian and Robert. Bob and Penny were blessed with old, dear friends in Connecticut and many new friends in Florida. Bob especially enjoyed the time he spent with his lifelong friends, eating breakfast together and sharing stories of grandchildren, reveling in old times and of course, discussing politics.

A celebration of Bob's life will be held on June 8th, 4:00 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery in West Hartford. A graveside service will be officiated by the Reverend Robert C. Hooper, of St. James's Church, with a reception to follow. Directions and online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

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Macdonald, John T.



In the intimate company of children and grandchildren John departed this life on November 9th, 2019. He was the youngest of 3 sons born to Archibald and Minnie Macdonald in Putnam on April 23rd, 1931. At Putnam High, he met the love of his life, Mary Ryan, who would become his bride and with whom he would share an abundance of joy over the course of a 55 year marriage. He proudly served in the US Air Force during the Korean War and then returned to school initially earning his Bachelor of Science and later a Master's degree in Agricultural Economics at the University of Connecticut. With Mary he enthusiastically raised 4 sons in Pomfret: John Jr., James (Sandy), Jeffrey and Scott. He took an active role in their early lives teaching responsibility and work ethic, while promoting activities such as Scouting, travel and lots of fun adventures of his own design.

He was devoted to his community and was politically active. He served as Commissioner of Agriculture and Natural Resources for the State of Connecticut and subsequently was named the Executive Director of the Commission of Special Revenue, overseeing the Lottery and other forms of State licensed wagering. He served on the Board of Trustees of the University of Connecticut and Annhurst College. In later years he taught economics at Quinebaug Valley Community College, a role which he found especially rewarding. He was a long-time member of the Pomfret Lions, the Putnam Elks and the American Legion. He retired with Mary to Alexander's Lake in Dayville where they relished their time with friends and especially enjoyed relaxing sunset cruises aboard the MaryMac. They wintered in Estero, FL where the days were warmer and where there were lots of new friends to be made. John was predeceased by his wife Mary, his son James, daughter-in-law Rhonda, and older brothers Archie and Donald. He leaves his sons (and their wives) John Jr. (Julianne), Jeffrey (Barbara), and Scott (Sylvia), 8 grandchildren Sarah (Selby), Skye, Aedan, Kelly (Dan), Ryan, Danny, Michael and John and one great grandson (Mekan). Donations in John's name may be made to the Day Kimball Healthcare Foundation (Putnam) or a community cause of the donor's choice. While Covid concerns have postponed the family's plans numerous times, we now gather to honor his memory. A funeral mass will be celebrated at Most Holy Trinity, 568 Pomfret St., Pomfret on Saturday, April 23rd at 10am followed by the burial in Grove Street Cemetery, 247 Grove Street, Putnam.

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Sweet, Mary J (Prall)



Mary Jane Sweet passed on Friday, March 18, 2022 at the age of 95. Born November 15, 1926 to Leon and Mary Prall, she grew up in Stratford, CT. Mary was a skilled stenographer and also had a knack for working with numbers. Her unfulfilled dream was to attend business school, as her father had. As a young woman, she worked at General Electric, where she met her husband Joseph Sweet. Mary and Joseph raised their two children in Trumbull, and later retired to Newington, CT. Mary was predeceased by her husband, Joseph Sweet Sr. She is survived by her son Joe, her daughter Lynn Sweet-Dobrow and her husband Charlie Dobrow of Wethersfield, her daughter-in-law Dora Sweet of Bridgeport, her devoted grandchildren Alma, Ben, and Joshua, her great-grandson Logan, her sister Sharon and nephew Joseph, and special friends Bill and Gloria, whom she thought of as family. Mary's greatest joy was spending time with her precious grandchildren and great-grandchild. She went on outings with them, played with them, read to them, and lived to hear of news from them. She took immense pleasure in attending school music concerts, scouting ceremonies, graduations, and other functions celebrating their achievements. Not one to travel abroad, a determined Mary nonetheless flew with Dora to Mexico to attend Alma's First Holy Communion. She was awed by the blessing of living to see all three grandchildren grow to adulthood, and took special delight in being a great-grandmother to Logan. She also loved cooking for family gatherings, and continued hosting family dinners into her late 80's. Our family wishes to express our sincere appreciation to the caregivers who lovingly tended to Mary's needs in her home during the years prior to her move to LiveWell in Southington in March of 2019. In addition, we wish to convey our gratitude to the nurses, care partners, and all of the staff at LiveWell for the exceptional care, personal attention, and sincere loving kindness shown to Mary every moment of her three years there. She could not have felt more loved, safe, and content, and that has been a priceless blessing not only for Mary, but for her family as well. Burial will be private, at the convenience of the family. Donations may be made to LiveWell, 1261 South Main St., Plantsville, CT 06479, or to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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Wakefield, Deborah A



Deborah A. Wakefield, 53, of Southington, passed away at home on Sunday, October 3, 2021. She was born on October 3, 1968 in New Britain to the late Gerald and Alicia (Kita) Wakefield. She attended New Britain High School. Deborah is survived by two brothers, a sister, two nieces, and a nephew.

She is now at peace. We will always cherish the good memories and times that we spent together. A private service was held for family members. Please support local youth/adolescent addiction education and prevention programs.

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Zak, Mary Anne (Kelly)

Mary Anne Kelly Zak (age 93) passed away on Monday, March 7 having resided in Suffield for more than 70 years. (See Hartford Courant March 13 for full obituary.) Update to services include Calling Hours at Heritage Funeral Home 1240 Mountain Rd., W. Suffield, CT on Wednesday April 20, from 1:00 - 3:00pm and 5:00 - 7:00pm; and Thursday, April 21 from 5:00 - 7:00pm. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at 11:00AM in Sacred Heart Parish. Please meet at the church. Private burial in St. Joseph Cemetery will follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Amiel and Mary Anne Zak Public Service Fund at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, 10 Columbus Boulevard, 8th Floor, Hartford CT 06106 (on line at www.hfpg.org/ZakPublicServiceFund) or to the Polish Heritage Society c/o Suffield Historical Society, P.O. Box 893, Suffield, CT 06078. For online condolences please visit: www.SuffieldFuneralHome.com

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Solosky, Anita (Dorval)



Anita (Dorval) Solosky, 94, of Newington, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, April 5, 2022. She was the widow of the late Joseph Solosky and beloved mother of the late Linda Lecuivre. Born in Laconia, NH, she was the daughter of the late Horace J. and Antoinette (LaChance) Dorval, and the last surviving sister of nine loving siblings. Anita spent her early years growing up in Laconia, moving to Connecticut when she was a teenager. She was a Newington resident most of her life. She especially loved being an artist, on canvas and in her gardens. Anita was known for rescuing dogs and giving them loving homes. She was most proud of her Master Gardener Certification from the University of Connecticut. She was also a member of the Newington Garden Club, serving as past President and winning numerous awards for flower design at the Connecticut Flower shows. She was also a member of the Wethersfield Art League, Newington Historical Society, and Treasurer of the Women's Auxiliary of the Polish American Club. Anita was devoted to her family and leaves her son Stephen J. Solosky and wife Karen of Higganum; her daughter Jane S. Wasyl and husband Joseph of Essex; son-in-law David Lecuivre of Newington; grandchildren Derek Lecuivre and wife Sarah of Newington, Dawn Christinat and husband Jeffrey of Manchester, and Wyatt Solosky of Higganum; and four great granddaughters, Julianna, Maya, Ava, and Kayla. Forever missed will be her beloved dog Max, who was always there for comfort. A special goodbye to her niece Cassie, with whom she spent many Wednesdays doing projects and just having a good laugh. She also leaves many nieces, nephews and special friends. Relatives and friends are invited to call on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, from 9:00 am to 10:30 am at Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11:00 am at the Church of the Incarnation, Wethersfield. She will be laid to rest beside her late husband Joe, in West Meadow Cemetery, Newington. Memorial donations may be made to Dog Star Rescue (dogstarrescue.org) or to the CT Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd., Newington, CT 06111. To share a memory with her family, please visit us at www.duksa.net.



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Whitehead, Jr., Raymond



Raymond Whitehead, Jr., 88, of Middletown, beloved husband of Patricia (DeFrance) Whitehead, died Monday, March 29, 2022.

Ray was born in Middletown, son of the late Raymond Whitehead, Sr. and Louise (Terrill) Whitehead. Prior to his retirement Ray was employed by SNET. He also served as a supernumerary for the Middletown Police Department. Besides his wife, Patricia, Ray is survived by a daughter, Sharon L. Whitehead of Rocky Hill, three sons, Thomas A. Whitehead of East Hampton, Randall R. Whitehead of Middletown, Raymond J. Whitehead and his wife Sharon of Higganum, a sister-in-law, Lorraine M. DeFrance of Middletown, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He was predeceased by a grandson, Jeffrey Whitehead, a sister Joan Field, and a brother, Alton Whitehead.

Funeral services with Military honors were privately held. Memorial contributions may be sent to, Alzheimer's Association CT Chapter 200 Executive Blvd., Suite 4B, Southington, CT 06489. To share memories or express condolences online please visit www.biegafuneralhome.com.

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FRESH TALK

Every school should have a pool

By Madison Ellsworth

More than 50% of Americans don't know how to swim. On average, there are 3,960 drownings per year and about 8,080 near-drownings. These statistics, by the Red Cross, are alarmingly high. Everyone should be able to learn how to swim, but not all communities have swimming pools or the proper programs to educate people. The best way to solve this is to have swimming pools at every school in America. Education is how to reduce these statistics, and with pools at schools swim programs can be instituted into general physical education. When looking at the benefits of having swimming pools at every school, there are plenty. And the few concerns would become minimal and irrelevant with proper planning. Having pools at every school gives students the opportunity and education in swimming they need from an early age. At school we are taught academics, life and social skills, but I believe there's an addition that needs to be made: water safety and the proper way to swim. Learning to swim can not only save your own life, but someone else's. The benefits don't stop here. Other issues are childhood obesity and unhealthy habits. By




Swimming is not only fun, it's a lifesaving skill. Having pools at every school would help protect students at an early age. **DREAMSTIME/TNS**

including swimming into educational programs at school, students are gaining health benefits. Some examples: endurance, muscle strength and cardiovascular health, all of which lead to healthier people. But the advantages of having pools at all schools in America do not stop with the students. Pools can benefit communities. Programs can be expanded outside of school with group swim lessons for preschoolers, open swimming hours and the ability for town-run water-sports teams (swimming, diving, water polo). Although many argue that installing a pool is costly, the bene-

fits outweigh cost. It is expensive to install and maintain a pool and employ the proper personnel to run it. If swimming pools were open to the public, membership, group lessons and other fees would help pay for them. And high school students would have job opportunities after being trained as lifeguards. Another concern that might arise is how to teach students, especially those at the elementary level. These lessons would come from lifeguard and swim instructor training, which would ensure a safe environment to truly benefit the students. We all know how hard it is to

swim when you hit the wall of exhaustion and struggle to grab a pool wall or touch the bottom of the lake or ocean. Many have been in that situation, but no one should be put in that position. I speak from personal experience. As a swim instructor, the first thing I teach my students is to float on their backs if they get tired. Some people don't know how to do this, even those who know how to swim. It doesn't sit well that so many people drown each year, especially when it might have been avoided with proper swimming lessons. By installing pools in every school in America, all students would have access to the resources and lessons they need to be successful swimmers. More communities would have access to pools as well, opening opportunities for everyone. But most importantly people will know how to swim, drowning statistics will be lowered, and avoidable incidents and deaths will diminish. Madison Ellsworth is a senior at Avon High School. The Courant invites writers younger than 30 to write essays containing strong views. Please email your submission to oped@courant.com, with your full name, hometown, daytime phone number, age and occupation (or your school's name and your level in school).

Mystery shrouds choices for judges, including one who missed work for 2 years



Kevin Rennie

The state Supreme Court's historic hearing Tuesday on whether to proceed with an investigation of Superior Court Judge Alice Bruno concluded without a decision. The 3 ½ hour proceeding did cast a light on more than Bruno's absence from her job since November 2019 with full pay. Bruno had claimed she has a health condition that requires the court administrator to accommodate her with an assignment

to a courthouse free of stress and hostility. Bruno alleged in a long affidavit that she was tormented by Judge Anna Ficeto because Ficeto had not recommended her for a judgeship when Ficeto was former Gov. Jodi Rell's legal counsel more than a decade ago. Bruno complained that Ficeto did not greet her when they passed in the courthouse hallways. Bruno was also unhappy that Ficeto warned her that Bruno's frequent absences for medical appointments were going to attract the attention of state auditors. Last month, Bruno told the court in a filing that she could return to work if the system would accommodate her. On Tuesday, the court heard a change

in her condition has caused Bruno to apply for disability retirement for a second time. On Monday, Bruno asked to be excused from Tuesday's hearing. Her attorney, Jacques Parenteau, told the court that his client would suffer "devastating irreparable harm should she be required to appear." Chief Justice Richard Robinson pointed out that crime victims and witnesses to horrific events are often required to testify in court. A few moments after the court denied Bruno's request to be excused, she appeared. Bruno was, to no one's surprise, treated gently by the justices as her lawyer argued the high court had no cause to proceed with investi-

gating Bruno. The hearing confirmed that Bruno remains perpetually aggrieved. She spent years pursuing a nomination to the state's trial court. When she finally received one from former Gov. Dannel Malloy in 2015, Bruno seemed surprised by what the job entails. Emails with court officials reveal they tried for the four years she reported to work to assist her in performing the duties of her privileged position. On Tuesday, Bruno's attorney claimed that she is the victim of the press and the public's "ignorance" of people with disabilities. It's our fault. After seven years as a judge, Bruno needs "a supportive environment" and "mentorship"

to perform a narrow strand of the broad duties of a judge. Secrecy, however, is Bruno's shield. She has received up to \$400,000 in pay (plus benefits) but refused to submit to an independent medical examination requested by the chief court administrator. Tuesday's hearing included frequent declarations of wanting to discuss details but not being able to due to the nature of Bruno's disability. Bruno was vague on what decisions she left pending when she left Waterbury in 2019. The judicial branch has declined to say how many Bruno completed. The number is not zero. Turn to Rennie, Page 2

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EDITORIAL

A healthy assist for parents and babies

According to the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention, most babies in the United States receive some breast milk after they are born.

But, also according to the CDC, while breastfeeding is the “best source of nutrition for most infants,” most of these babies are not exclusively being breastfed, and they are not being breastfed for as long as recommended.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends exclusive breastfeeding for about six months, continuing breastfeeding as foods are introduced, and that the breastfeeding stays in place a year or longer “as mutually desired by mother and infant.”

The AAP also notes that “medical contraindications” that prevent women from breastfeeding are rare. But not every woman chooses to breastfeed her baby, and there are certain health conditions for which it is not recommended.

Now, for moms who intend to breastfeed but are struggling or not producing enough yet, there is a new avenue of help: Connecticut’s first outpatient breast milk dispensary.

That is a positive step for moms and babies.

The Glastonbury dispensary is scheduled to open this month, and it will provide donated, pasteurized human milk for about \$4.20 an ounce.

It is a project by ProHealth Physicians’ Glastonbury Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, and the breast milk is available from mothers who register with Mothers’ Milk Bank Northeast and are approved by their doctors.

According to Susan Parker, an APRN and lactation counselor



Susan Parker of ProHealth Physicians in Glastonbury is directing an outpatient breast milk dispensary. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

who monitors the dispensary, the donors undergo tests and a physical exam and must make sure their own child’s milk needs are being met. While the dispensary has been using donations in hospital neonatal units since 2020, the new goal is to have it available for babies who are not in the hospital.

This option — not inexpensive at more than \$4 an ounce — is

intended to help moms as they wait for their full supply of breast milk to come in and provide a safe alternative during that time.

Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont already have outpatient breast milk dispensaries, according to Mothers’ Milk Bank Northeast spokeswoman Anne Marie Lindquist.

Lindquist also has noted that parents in financial need may

receive financial assistance from Mothers’ Milk Bank Northeast.

“It’s short-term help for families that are struggling for a few days,” Lindquist told The Courant’s Susan Dunne. “It’s not intended to replace breastfeeding; it’s intended to ease the mom’s mind until her full supply comes in,”

Multiple sources, including <https://lalactation.com/note>

that breastfed babies aged 1 to 6 months ingest “an average of 25-35 ounces per 24-hour day.”

The cost of the breast milk that will be available from the dispensary would likely make long-term use cost prohibitive for most families. But as a short-term option to assist moms who make the choice to breastfeed, it should be a welcome addition to Connecticut.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rainy day fund should go to lowering debt

I hope our legislators and governor can seize this opportunity with federal funds to help get our state finances in order [Sunday CT, Page 1, March 27, “Rainy day fund raises beyond max”]. But it looks like they are merely looking for ways to spend this bounty.

Supposedly, the rainy day fund is at its legal maximum. Well, doesn’t the legislature determine this and with the governor’s signature, it becomes law? Can’t they work together to change the law?

Every time we have a new budget there is talk about the underfunded state employee retirement funds. Perhaps putting some of this bounty into that would help lower our state’s ongoing costs and obligations. It isn’t popular to make long-term financial decisions, but wouldn’t that really be of most benefit to all of us?

Edson Bourn, Old Saybrook

Biased language in media headlines

Regarding your story, “Florida Gov. DeSantis signs ‘Don’t Say Gay’ bill into law” [Page 8, March 29], why do so many media outlets continue to support biased language in their coverage? The signed bill never uses the wording attributed to it in your headline. That language comes entirely from opponents of the bill. Another instance of this routine bias appears in coverage of “voter restriction laws.” Why can’t state legislations on this issue simply be called what they are: voter validation laws? I guess I’m not surprised that mainstream reporters widely use these terms — they are comfortable with accommodating political correctness concerns. But I am amazed that their editors, who should be dedicated to upholding the highest professional journalistic standards, continually allow this patently biased language to fill their pages.

Jim Schepker, Niantic

Why no accountability for senior administrators?

A Yale School of Medicine employee steals millions by buying and fencing computers? A West Haven town employee is accused of stealing more than \$600,000 in COVID-19 relief funds. A UConn professor of pathology is paid for months after he fails to respond to department emails because he is dead? Why are senior administrators, inside or outside of government, paid such ridiculously high salaries, including golden parachutes, even if they do poorly, and yet they have no responsibility for such outrageous neglect of their responsibilities? Shouldn’t any high-level employment contract include hefty personal fines and demotion for such a lack of oversight by managers? At least the dead professor’s department head was demoted.

Jesse Samuels, West Hartford

It seems nobody is watching the henhouse

There seems to be too many foxes in the henhouses, and no one is overseeing this in state government or private industry. Though Bob Stefanowski will not be my choice for governor, he has pounced on the Lamont administration about mistakes that have been made, and he has the right attitude of looking into state agencies’ viability and accountability.

In Tuesday’s Courant I read about the woman who has been stealing from Yale for years. Who oversees her position? Then you have Judge Bruno not showing up for two years and collecting a handsome salary. I am concerned about my town of Newington and wonder who is overseeing the overseers. It takes years, apparently, to discover these infractions, which is why in government and private industry, no matter how large or how small, people should be accountable and should be reviewed on a regular basis.

Jill Price, Newington

Rennie

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The court adjourned Tuesday without indicating what’s next. If Bruno is successful in her application for a disability retirement she likely would receive \$120,000 a year. The handling of Bruno’s long absence by the court’s head administrator remains inexplicable.

The chief justice referred to the public’s

interest in the Bruno matter. He is right. Its interest is rooted in the common idea that few jobs would provide as much as \$400,000 in salary for not working. For some it is bewildering, for others it confirms their suspicions of how state government operates. There is the wider challenge of the Bruno case. It adds to the public’s alienation with our institutions.

This is an opportunity for our leaders in the three branches of government to recognize the power of light.

How judges are chosen remains shrouded in mystery. The application and approval process before the Judicial Selection Committee is entirely secret. Who makes it through the commission to the list from which the governor chooses nominees is a secret.

The governor’s process for deciding who gets nominated and sent to the legislature for confirmation is also closed to public view. Secrecy means that people who could have relevant knowledge

of a prospective judge are not part of the process. By the time the legislature receives a nomination it is almost impossible to stop it.

We may never know why Malloy appointed Bruno (and Rell did not) but a more public process at the start might have avoided the mystery at the end.

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COMMENTARY

Germany emerges to become Putin’s prime enabler



Paul Krugman

Vladimir Putin’s war of aggression runs on the money Russia gets by selling fossil fuels to Europe. And while Ukraine has, incredibly, repelled Russia’s attempt to seize Kyiv, Putin won’t be definitively stopped until Europe ends its energy dependence.

Which means that Germany — whose political and business leaders insist that they can’t do without Russian natural gas, even though many of its own economists disagree — has in effect become Putin’s prime enabler. This is shameful; it is also incredibly hypocritical given recent German history.

The background: Germany has been warned for decades about the risks of becoming dependent on Russian gas. But its leaders, focused on the short-run benefits of cheap energy, ignored those warnings. On the eve of the Ukraine war, 55% of German gas came from Russia.

There’s no question that cutting off or even greatly reducing this gas flow would be painful. But economic analyses — from

the Brussels-based Bruegel Institute, the International Energy Agency and ECONtribute, a think tank sponsored by the Universities of Bonn and Cologne — have found that the effects of drastically reducing gas imports from Russia would be far from catastrophic to Germany.

As one member of the German Council of Economic Experts, which fills a role somewhat similar to that of the U.S. Council of Economic Advisers, put it, an embargo on Russian gas would be difficult but “feasible.”

The ECONtribute analysis offers a range of estimates, but the worst-case number is that an embargo on Russian gas would temporarily reduce Germany’s real gross domestic product by 2.1%.

Now, German industrialists refuse to accept economists’ estimates, insisting that a gas embargo would be catastrophic. But they would say that, wouldn’t they? Industrial leaders everywhere always claim that any proposed restriction on their activities would be an economic disaster.

Unfortunately, Germany’s political leaders, including Chancellor Olaf Scholz, have taken the side of the scaremongers. The revelations of Russian atrocities in

Ukraine have led to acknowledgments that something must be done, but still not much sense of urgency.

What strikes me is the contrast between Germany’s current reluctance to make moderate sacrifices, even in the face of horrific war crimes, and the immense sacrifices Germany demanded of other countries during the European debt crisis a decade ago.

As some readers may remember, early last decade much of southern Europe faced a crisis as lending dried up, sending interest rates on government debt soaring. German officials were quick to blame these countries for their own plight, insisting, with much moralizing, that they were in trouble because they had been fiscally irresponsible and now needed to pay the price.

As it turns out, this diagnosis was mostly wrong. Much of the surge in southern European interest rates reflected a market panic rather than fundamentals; borrowing costs plunged, even for Greece, after the president of the European Central Bank said three words — “whatever it takes” — suggesting that the bank would, if necessary, step in to buy the debt of troubled economies.

Yet Germany took the lead in demanding that debtor nations impose extreme austerity measures, especially spending cuts, no matter how large the economic costs. And those costs were immense: Between 2009 and 2013, the Greek economy shrank by 21% while the unemployment rate rose to 27%.

But while Germany was willing to impose economic and social catastrophe on countries it claimed had been irresponsible in their borrowing, it has been unwilling to impose far smaller costs on itself despite the irresponsibility of its past energy policies.

My sense is that Germany received far more warning about its feckless reliance on Russian gas than Greece ever did about its borrowing.

Maybe, the realization that refusing to shut off the flow of Russian gas makes Germany de facto complicit in mass murder will be enough to induce action. But unless this happens, Germany will continue to be the weakest link in the world’s response to Russian aggression.

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Only weapons will help Ukraine now

By Therese Raphael

Bloomberg Opinion

The first stage of the war in Ukraine didn’t go according to Vladimir Putin’s plan, but it is the next few weeks that could determine how the map of Europe is changed as a result of his invasion. The incremental sanctions tightening we’ve seen in recent days will make little difference to that battle. It will also require a major increase in the supply of weapons and changes to the kinds of weapons supplied by Ukraine’s allies in Britain, the U.S. and other countries.

Military analysts and officials in the U.S. and other NATO countries are warning that the next week to 10 days will see a major intensification of Russian military operations, with resupplied Russian forces deployed in the Donbas region in an attempt to defeat Ukrainian holdouts in Mariupol, freeing Russian forces there for a pincer movement from both north and south.

However poorly Russia’s forces have performed on the battlefield so far, it now has a more realistic set of objectives. Instead of an invasion from three fronts, Russia will now have a single axis to focus on, and one where its supply lines are less vulnerable to Ukrainian attack. Russia has also taken the measure of the Ukrainian military, which it underestimated.

Before the war, Ukraine’s Joint Forces Operations, or JFO, in the east, numbering over 40,000, featured the best equipped and trained of Ukraine’s forces. Those troops remain determined, but the past five weeks of hard fighting have taken a toll. They are also harder to supply and don’t have the same benefit of air defenses as those around Kyiv.

Putin may have in mind May 9 — already known as Victory Day in Russia, when the country celebrates the defeat of Nazi Germany — as a deadline of sorts for reclaiming the east of Ukraine, which Putin considers a step toward restoring Russia’s lost empire and sphere of control. If Russian forces succeed in taking ground, they will then seek to seal off that part of Ukraine.

But Russia lacks the forces to go beyond Ukraine’s JFO area, notes Jack Watling, an expert in land warfare and senior research fellow at the Royal United Services Institute. Putin has committed most of Russia’s available combat forces to the original operation and has limited reserves. The units not already in Ukraine are either support troops, fresh conscripts or units that have responsibilities elsewhere, which the Kremlin will be loath to shift.

If Russian forces lose momentum and



Ukrainian leader Volodymyr Zelenskyy, center, on Monday visits Bucha, a battered city near Kyiv, the capital. RONALDO SCHEMIDT/GETTY-AFP

are blunted by anti-tank weapons and artillery, Watling reckons they would be exhausted in about four weeks. Then Putin will have a bigger decision to make: whether to move to a war footing, no longer referring to the conflict as a “special military operation” but expanding it and mobilizing the country.

The withdrawal of forces around Kyiv and dropping of Russian objections to Ukraine joining the EU eventually suggest some recalibrating from Russia is happening.

“(Volodymyr) Zelenskyy is now in a very much stronger position than anyone in the West thought he would be,” notes Sir Malcolm Rifkind, a former U.K. defense and foreign secretary, who sees some cause for optimism. “NATO has never been as strong as it is now. Germany has totally transformed its defense policy from the one it pursued for the last 40 years. Russia is about to lose one of its two main energy destinations and its most important source of revenue, even if it will take some time. The Nordstream project has collapsed. The Russians have lost control over their foreign currency reserves.”

And yet, winning the opening round isn’t the same as prevailing to the end.

A dismembered Ukraine would change

Europe’s security landscape significantly. And while some may urge Ukraine to reach a settlement as soon as possible, any cease-fire or deal that leaves Ukraine vulnerable to renewed attack will make a real rebuilding effort, which requires attracting investment, impossible.

The new phase of fighting that is coming demands a new kind of Western support, argues Chatham House’s Keir Giles, author of two books on Russian foreign policy in recent years.

“The weapons Ukraine needs in order to keep fighting are not totally defensive weapons, in order to help Ukraine not lose, but also tools to help Ukraine carry the fight to the enemy and must include long-range firepower to strike deep into Russian-controlled areas,” he says.

The U.S., he says, has been in crisis management mode rather than focused on Ukraine’s needs.

There is plenty that Britain and other NATO countries can do.

Ukraine’s shopping list includes anti-tank guided weapons, or ATGWs, portable air-defense systems, ammunition, drones, radar, surface-to-air missile systems and so-called loitering munitions, which wait passively around the target for the right moment. Soviet-era T-72 tanks being sent

by the Czech republic are helpful because the Czech Republic can also produce spare parts and Ukrainians know how to use and maintain them.

Ukraine will need supplies for reservists and recruits who are being sent to the front as beleaguered forces there are rotated out. NATO countries need to facilitate the transition of some of Ukraine’s defenses, including air defenses, to platforms that can be better supported.

There is also a pressing need for humanitarian support and economic aid to keep the economy from collapse.

Putin’s invasion was no random black swan moment, as devastating but entirely unpredictable events are called, note geo-strategists Florence Gaub and Andrew Monaghan. Rather, they say, it’s a “gray rhino” — impactful but highly probable and entirely predicted. Formulating a response requires a thorough consideration of strategic objectives and potential pitfalls, not simply crisis management.

This next phase of war will pose a test not just for Ukraine’s forces, but of the democratic world’s unity, sense of purpose and ability to think clearly about the future.

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Here are 3 things true conservatives should really focus on

By Tyler Cowen

Bloomberg Opinion

If you are a true conservative — and I use the term not as Sen. Ted Cruz might, but in its literal sense, as in conserving what is of value in the modern world — then you should be obsessed with three threats to the most vital parts of our civilizational heritage, all of which are coming to the fore: war, pandemic and environmental catastrophe.

These three events have frequently caused or contributed to the collapse or decline of great civilizations of the past. After being seriously weakened by pandemics and environmental problems, the Roman Empire was taken over by barbarian tribes. The Aztecs were conquered by the Spanish, who had superior weapons and also brought disease. The decline of the Mayans likely was rooted in water and deforestation problems.

I think of true conservatism as most of all the desire to learn from history. So let us take those lessons to heart.

The odds are that nuclear weapons will not be used in the war in Ukraine. Still, there is some chance of a major escalation,

or the deployment of other weapons of mass destruction. That chance is difficult to estimate, but it’s not crazy to put it at or above 1%. A desperate Vladimir Putin might resort to a strategy of escalation, if only as a misguided attempt to de-escalate.

Here is the dilemma: If you play that “1% chance of massive destruction” repeatedly over decades, sooner or later an actual escalation is going to erupt. The cumulative probabilities of a major nuclear exchange are not actually low, even if the probability is low in any single war.

A true conservatism thus ought to make limiting the probability of a nuclear exchange its top priority. Such an emphasis would not itself solve the problem, of course. Nonetheless, any observer of American political debate for the last 20 years or more will admit that the issue is nowhere close to a major emphasis.

This brand of conservatism does not necessarily insist on higher levels of defense spending, as conservatives pushed for in the 1980s. But it does suggest that alliances, military readiness and flexibility are major policy issues. If more defense spending is called for, that should be the federal government’s No. 1 priority. While

President Joe Biden has done a reasonable job executing America’s Ukraine policy, he has not made these issues top priorities, nor have the Republican or Democratic parties. When was the last time a major politician gave a speech about how long the military procurement cycle has become, relative to the pace of technological change?

The relevance of pandemics is all too obvious. Still, Congress is dragging its heels on a \$10 billion pandemic assistance bill, and snags remain. The final legislation is unlikely to include a global component, despite the continuing risk of new virus strains from abroad. The U.S. should also be looking to gear up for an Operation Warp Speed #2, directed at developing a pan-coronavirus vaccine, effective against a broad swath of possible future strains.

Even after nearly 1 million virus-related deaths, Americans are still not taking pandemic risk seriously. Is America so much better prepared for the next time around? If you ask the simple question of whether the government has reformed or improved the CDC, FDA or NIH — regardless of what kind of reforms you might favor — the answer seems to be no.

Finally, a true conservatism would prioritize the most important environmental problems. To use a specific example: It should not take seven years to get permits for an offshore wind farm. Just accept the reality that wind farms will involve some modest environmental problems of their own and get on with building them.

Unfortunately, even as environmental regulations proliferate in the U.S., there is an unwillingness to push through a carbon tax or make nuclear power plants easier to build. America is getting the big stuff wrong, in part because it is focused on politics over policy. Consider that California’s governor has proposed giving car owners a \$400 gas-tax refund, while the Biden administration is more worried about jobs and competition from China than about trying to make solar panels as affordable as possible.

The main task of a revitalized conservatism should be to restore America’s moral seriousness on these issues. At the moment, neither political party is doing that.

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The latest national tour of “An American in Paris,” coming to the Shubert in New Haven May 19–21. **MATTHEW MURPHY**

From ‘Cabaret’ to ‘Hamilton’

Our picks for the top 12 must-see spring theater shows in Connecticut

By **Christopher Arnott**
Hartford Courant

Theaters have sprung back from the pandemic, celebrating the end of the first full seasons since COVID shut-down stages throughout Connecticut.

Theatergoing has not gotten completely back to normal. Nearly all Connecticut theaters still require masks to worn indoors, regardless of the dictates of the towns in which the theaters reside. That’s largely due to ongoing concerns about new variants and surges, national theater union COVID guidelines which tend to be more stringent than governmental ones and surveys of audience members conducted by the theaters themselves regarding their patrons’ concerns and comfort.

What has changed is the sort of programming theaters feel they can do

again. After a couple of springs and summers of small cast and/or outdoor entertainments, bigger and brassier indoor shows are back.

These are the Courant’s picks for the dozen most highly anticipated theater shows between now and the end of June.

‘Next to Normal’

April 5–24 at Westport Country Playhouse, Westport. westportplayhouse.org/show/nexttonormal

Tom Kitt and Brian Yorkey’s groundbreaking music explores tough topics like grief and loss, clinical depression, the difficulties of being a teenager, dysfunctional relationships and controversial mental health treatments. You might remember an exceptional production of the musical by TheaterWorks Hartford in 2017 (which the theater revisited in a virtual archived video form

in 2020). The new Westport one is directed and choreographed by Marcos Santana, who helmed “In the Heights” for the playhouse two years ago. It stars Wilson Jermaine Heredia (who originated the role of Angel in “Rent” on Broadway) and Darlesia Cearcy (from the recent Broadway revival of “Once on This Island”). The theater is holding a series of mental health-themed events during the show’s run.

‘Bee Trapped Inside the Window’

April 22 through May 8 at HartBeat Ensemble, Hartford. hartbeatensemble.org

Hartford’s politically and socially conscious small theater ensemble returns to its Carriage House stage on Farmington Avenue for the world premiere of a

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Stephanie Jae Park, Ta’Rea Campbell and Paige Smallwood in the tour of “Hamilton” coming to The Bushnell June 22 through July 10. **JOAN MARCUS**

The top 10 things to see and do this week in arts in Connecticut

By **Christopher Arnott**
Hartford Courant

From top regional blues bands at Black Eyed Sally’s to a well-traveled troubadour at the Buttonwood Tree to a multi-media concert of songs from 16 island nations at UConn, a trio of hard rock acts at the Oakdale, a ‘60s pop group at Mohegan Sun, a ukulele virtuoso at Infinity Hall and a jazz singer at Hartford Public Library. There are few sounds unfound in Connecticut this week.

Beware of the bugs

“Bug” is a dark, suspenseful hotel room by Tracy Letts involving drugs, domestic abuse, paranoia and lots of skin-crawling talk of bugs. Through April 24 at the Warner Theatre’s Nancy Marine Studio Theatre space, 84 Main St., Torrington. Performances are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. plus a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. \$30. warnertheatre.org.



Ukulele star Jake Shimabukuro returns to Infinity Hall Hartford on April 13 at 8 p.m. **INFINITY HALL**

Allegra Levy live

The penultimate concert of this year’s Baby Grand Jazz series at Hartford Public Library, 500 Main St., Hartford is West Hartford-based vocalist Allegra Levy, accompanied by pianist Carmen

Staaf, bassist Carmen Rothwell and drummer Colleen Clark. April 10 at 3 p.m. In-person seating at the live concert is all filled, with a waiting list, but luckily the show is also

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Connecticut museums and galleries offering exhibits

By **Susan Dunne**
Hartford Courant

Connecticut is rich with art galleries, museums and artists in all corners of the state, with gorgeous and engaging exhibits opening every week. Venues that are open to the public, as well as outdoor exhibits, are listed. Visit their websites for social distancing rules.

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New Britain Museum of American Art, 56 Lexington St.: “North America Divided,” which pairs 19th-century landscapes and genre scenes with works by

contemporary artists Neil Jenney and Valerie Hegarty, is up until March 2023.

“American Art in New Britain: The Evolution of the NBMAA” is up until Oct. 1. “Permanent Collection Installation: People and Places in America, 1960s to Today” is up until May 1. “Eva LeWitt” is up until Nov. 11, 2023. “The Poetry of Nature: Hudson River School Landscapes from the New-York Historical Society” is up to May 22. The Shantell Martin virtual reality space is now open. nbmaa.org.

Real Art Ways, 56 Arbor St. in Hartford: “Teeter/Totter

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Ken Morgan Peter Waite” is up until April 17. “Battle-grounds Elizabeth Flood” is up until June 12. realartways.org.

Art League of New Britain, 30 Cedar St.: CWA Connecticut Women Artists’ annual members’ juried show will be up to April 29. ctwom-enartists.org. alnb.org.

Main Street in Hartford: A stroll down Main Street provides ample artworks to view. In front of the library, there is a sculpture by David Hayes and a statue of Mark Twain. Between City Hall and Wadsworth Athenaeum is Alexander Calder’s massive red “Stegosaurus.” In front of the Athenaeum are a newly refurbished statue of Nathan Hale and sculptures by Conrad Shawcross, Tony Smith and William Turnbull. Across the street from the Athenaeum is Carl Andre’s “Stone Field Sculpture.” Also across the street from the Athenaeum is the Bushnell Towers sculpture garden. thewadsworth.org.

New England Air Museum, 36 Perimeter Road in Windsor Locks: An exhibit about New England women who made significant contributions to the history of aviation will be on permanent display. neam.org.

Mercy Gallery at Loomis Chaffee School, 4 Batchelder Road in Windsor: Artwork by Melanie Carr is on view through April 10. loomischaffee.org/arts/mercy-gallery.

Connecticut Historical Society, One Elizabeth St. in Hartford: “Albert’s Odd Jobs: Making a Living in the 1800s” is up until April 16. “Common Struggle Individual Experience: An Exhibition About Mental Health” will be up until Oct. 15. Permanent exhibits are “Making Connecticut” and “Inn & Tavern Signs of Connecticut.” chs.org.

Monastery Gallery of Art at the Holy Family Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Road in West Hartford: “In the Spirit of Trust” is up until June 19. monasterygallery.art.

Galleries @ WORK_SPACE, 903 Main St. in Manchester: “Inspiration: Blank Canvas Show 2022” will be up to April 20. workspace-manchester.com.

Widener Gallery in Austin Arts Center at Trinity College, 300 Summit St. in Hartford: An exhibit of paintings inspired by Ireland and by Professor of Fine Arts Joseph Byrne is up until May 6. trincoll.edu.

The Ethel Walker School, 230 Bushy Hill Road in Simsbury: “Vex the Ending,” a show of paintings by Steven Cabral and Tracy Hayes, is up until April 29. By appointment only by emailing calvarezdelugo@



Dulari Devi’s acrylic on paper, Krishna Stealing the Saris of the Gopis, is on view at the Benton Museum at UConn. **BENTON MUSEUM**

my.ethelwalker.org.

Kent Library, 50 North Main St. in Suffield: presents work by Roger Duffy until April 30. suffield-library.org.

West Hartford Art League, 37 Buena Vista Road: “Members Annual Juried Exhibit,” juried by Camilla Cook, is up to May 1. west-hartfordart.org.

Charter Oak Cultural Center, 21 Charter Oak Ave. in Hartford: “Invisible Suffering: The Art of Diana Aldrete” is up to April 14. charteroakcenter.org.

Farmington Valley Arts Center, 25 Arts Center Drive in Avon: A ceramics show, and “In Bloom: Buds and Blossoms” are up to April 30. artsfvac.org.

ArtWalk at Hartford Public Library, 500 Main St.: “Words in Clay, Words on Paper: James Finnegan & Michelle Cotugno” is up to April 23. hplct.org.

Windsor Art Center, 40 Mechanic St.: “Second Layer: Conversations Through Canvas by B.D. Stellmacher” will be up to April 23. wind-sorartcenter.org.

Wadsworth Athenaeum Museum of Art, 600 Main St. in Hartford: “Nevine Mahmoud / MATRIX 188” is up to May 1. “Milton Avery” will be up to June 5. “Edward Russell Thaxter: Love’s First Dream” is up to July 3. thewadsworth.org.

Art Gallery at University of Saint Joseph, 1678 Asylum Ave. in West Hartford: “Four Works by Ann McCoy” is up to May 28. usj.edu/arts/art-museum.

Clare Gallery at St. Patrick—St. Anthony Church, 285 Church St. in Hartford: “Beyond the Subject: Work by Fr. Michael Reyes O.F.M.” will be up to May 23. spsact.org.

Gallery on the Green, on the town green in Canton: A member/guest exhibit and solo shows by Justine Ickes and Rob Loebell are up to April 16. galleryonthegreen.org.

CCSU Art Galleries in Maloney Hall, second floor, at Central Connecticut State University, the corner of

Stanley Street and Ella Grasso Blvd. in New Britain: “Fibers 2022,” an exhibit of work by contemporary fiber artists, and “A Stitch in Time,” historic quilts, embroidery, and other fiber works from Mattatuck Museum, New Haven Museum, and Stanley-Whitman House, run to April 13. ccsu.edu/art/galleries.

Hans Weiss Newspace Gallery at Manchester Community College, on Great Path Road: Work by Berrisford Boothe will be up fto April 29. manchestercc.edu.

Litchfield County

James Barron Art, 17 Old Barn Road in Kent: “Deborah Brown: The Shadow Paintings, Four Seasons” and “Janet Sobel and Ashley Shapiro: Spiritual Connection” are up to May 21. Open by appointment only. jamesbarronart.com.

Craven Contemporary, 4 Fulling Lane in Kent: “Quite an Eye-ful,” works by artists who focus on eyes, is up until May 8. Artists include Julie Cockburn, Alice Neel, David Shrigley, Chris Levine, Tony Oursler, Mickalene Thomas and Alex Prager. artnet.com/galleries/craven-contemporary/artworks.

Kent Art Association, 21 South Main St.: The annual juried show is up until April 24. kentart.org.

Kenise Barnes Fine Art, 7 Fulling Lane in Kent: “Unexpected Windows: New Paintings by Elizabeth Gourlay” is up from April 9 to May 15. kbfa.com.

Carol Corey Fine Art, 6 North Main St. in Kent: “The Watercolors of Charles E. Burchfield and John Marin: Masters of the American Medium” and “At Water’s Edge: Works by Dozier Bell, Lisa Lebofsky, James Mullen and Eileen Murphy” will be up to April 24. carolcorefineart.com.

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St. in the Falls Village section of Canaan: “Robert Cronin: Recent Paintings” is up to May 6. huntlibrary.org.

Five Points Annex, 17 Water St. in Torrington: “Personaland,” with art by Florin Firimita, Cyd Gorman,

Norell Gudaitis, Salvatore Gulino, Eric Hammer, John Johnson, MaryPat Leger, Victor Leger, Jose Martinez, Fran Patnaude, Paul Sakren, Gay Schempp, Stewart Wilson and Michael Yurgeles, will be on view to April 10. fivepointsarts.org.

Five Points Gallery, 33 Main St. in Torrington: “Portraits in Red: Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Painting Project,” with work by Nayana LaFond, and “Native Voices,” with work by Justin Beatty, Nate Begay, Patrick Collins, Jason Montgomery and Rebekah Jarvey, will both be up to May 7. fivepointsarts.org.

New Haven County

Yale University Art Gallery, 1111 Chapel St. in New Haven: “Midcentury Abstraction: A Closer Look” and “Recent Acquisitions” are up until June 26. “Gold in America: Artistry, Memory, Power” is up until July 10. artgallery.yale.edu.

Yale Center for British Art, 1080 Chapel St. in New Haven: “Bridget Riley: Perceptual Abstraction” is up until July 24. britishart.yale.edu.

Artspace, 50 Orange St. in New Haven: “Dyschronics: Work by Carolina Caycedo, Emily Jacir, Baseera Khan and Tsedaye Makonnen, will be up to April 16. artspacenh.org.

Palestine Museum US, 1764 Litchfield Turnpike, Suite 200, in Woodbridge: The museum is open by appointment only at palestinemuseum.us.

NXTHVN, 169 Henry St. in New Haven: “Let Them Roam Freely,” work by Hong Hong and Darryl DeAngelo Terrell, is up to May 15. nxthvn.com.

Gallery 53, 53 Colony St. in Meriden: “Twisted Visions,” a show of abstract art, is up up from April 9 to 28. gallery53.org.

Henry Whitfield State Museum, 248 Old Whitfield St. in Guilford: “Weld-Built: The Guilford Architecture of William E. Weld” is on view. portal.ct.gov/ECD-Henry-WhitfieldStateMuseum.

New Haven Museum, 114 Whitney Ave.: “Strange Times: Downtown New Haven in the COVID Era,” “Children of the Elm City” and “Factory” are on view. newhavenmuseum.org.

Hamden Senior Center in the Miller Memorial Library Complex, 2901 Dixwell Ave.: Hamden Art League’s annual Goldenbells exhibit will be up until May 17. hamdenartleague.org.

Mattatuck Museum, 144 West Main St. in Waterbury: An American Lens: A History of Photography in Waterbury” is up until Dec. 31. “The Village Project,” work

by Denise Minnerly and Don Bracken, is up until May 8. “Two for the Road: Ernest Roth and André Smith in Europe” is up to May 15. mattmuseum.org.

Ely Center for Contemporary Art, 51 Trumbull St. in New Haven: Undercurrents,” a group show curated by Kristina Newman-Scott, is up to April 24. Artists are Richard Bottwin, Joy Bush, Robert Carley, Jeremy Chandler, Alexandra Chiou, Zoe Cohen, Rima Day, Brooks Dierdorff, Christina Dietz, Daniella Dooling, Scott Glaser, Priya N. Green, Laurence Elle Groux, Clymenza Hawkins, Steven Holmes, Katie Hovencamp, Ruth Jeyaveeran, Laura Kern, Colleen Kiely, Zofie King, Susan Knight, Elizabeth Knowles, Cindy Konits, Terrence Lavin, K’La Lawson, Suzanne Levy, Crystal Marshall, Melinda McDaniel, Melissa Sutherland Moss, Sarah Nance, David Van Ness, Caleb Portfolio, Sarah Schneiderman, Sarah Sipling, Yuli Sung, Mami Takahashi, Kelsey Tynik, Anthony Warnick, Elizabeth West, Marjorie Wolfe, Shiqi Wu, Yichen Zhou and Despina Zografos elycenter.org.

Kehler Liddell Gallery, 873 Whalley Ave. in New Haven: “Expansion: Amanda Walker & Matthew Garrett” is up to April 17. kehlerrliddellgallery.com.

Susan Powell Fine Art, 679 Boston Post Road in Madison: “Spring into Art” will be to April 15. Artists include Kathy Anderson, Patt Baldino, Del-Bourree Bach, Paul Beebe, Peter Bergeron, Zufar Bikbov, Stephanie Birdsall, Kelly Birkenruth, David Dunlop, Lisa Gloria, Tom Glover, Neal Hughes, Tom Hughes, James Magner, Leonard Mizerek, Jeanne Rosier Smith, Katie Swatland and George Van Hook. susanpowellfineart.com.

City Gallery, 994 State St. in New Haven: “6x6: An Invitational,” with work by Rick Albee of Guilford, Judy Atlas of Milford, William Frucht of Danbury, Joyce Greenfield of New Haven, Abbie Griffiths of New Haven, Sheila Kaczmarek of Guilford, Kathy Kane of East Haven, Esthea Kim of New Haven, Lenny Moskowitz of New Haven, Gary Recchia of Guilford, Ruth Sack of Cheshire, and Ellen Burnett of Weehawken, New Jersey, is to May 1. city-gallery.org.

Hagaman Memorial Library, 227 E. Main St. in East Haven, will present “Shimmering Water & Seascapes: Photography by Victoria Navin” until April 30. hagamanlibrary.org.

Tolland County

William Benton Museum of Art, 245 Glenbrook Road at UConn in Storrs: “Tradition and Transformation: Mithila Art of India” is up until July 31. benton.uconn.edu.

Homer Babbidge Library on the campus of UConn in

Storrs: “Beth Pite, Col-orscapes” is on view through the end of summer. lib.uconn.edu/about/exhibits/

Saxton B. Little Free Library, 319 Route 87 in Columbia: Artwork by Helen Cantrell is on show until May 31. columbiactlibrary.org.

Arts Center East, 709 Hartford Turnpike in Vernon: “Still Lives and the Legacy of Charles Ethan Porter” will be up to April 30. artscentereast.org.

New London County

Hygienic Art Galleries, 79 Bank St. in New London: “The Crossing,” a juried group show, is up to April 8. hygienic.org.

Gilbert V. Boro Studio 80 + Sculpture Grounds, 80 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: The sculpture grounds, with works by Boro and other artists, is on private property but is open to the public. Boro asks guests not to enter any buildings. A YouTube video about the grounds, part of the Smithsonian Channel documentary series “America: Over the Edge,” can be seen at gilbertboro.com.

Mystic Museum of Art, 9 Water St.: “Quilt National ‘21” is up to April 17. “More than Hot Type,” a printmaking exhibit, is up to May 29. mysticmuseumofart.org.

Florence Griswold Museum, 96 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: “New London County Quilts & Bed Covers, 1750-1825” is up to May 1. flogris.org.

Norwich Arts Center, 60 Broadway: Sandra Jeknavorian: Between Realms” is to April 30. norwicharts.org/exhibits.

Lyman Allyn Art Museum, 625 Williams St. in New London: “Norman Ives: Constructions & Reconstructions” is up to April 24. “Locations: Recent Work by Marian Bingham” is on view through April 10. “Unbeatable Women: Power and Innovation in the Work of Women Photographers,” is up to June 19. lymanallyn.org.

Fairfield County

Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, 258 Main St. in Ridgefield: “Milano Chow: Prima Facie,” “Duane Slick: The Coyote Makes the Sunset Better” and “Karla Knight: Navigator” are up until May 8. “Amaryllis DeJesus Moleski: Portal Pieces” is up until May 29. aldrichart.org.

Greenwich Art Society, 299 Greenwich Ave.: 105th Annual Open Juried Exhibition, curated by Brinda Kumar, will be up to May 5. greenwichartsociety.org.

Silvermine Arts Center, 1037 Silvermine Road in

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new play it workshopped during the pandemic with a virtual reading. The director (Vernice Miller) and two of the three cast members are the same as in that reading, while the script has undergone rewrites and will now benefit from a set, lights and all the glories of live performances. Saviana Stanescu’s drama hits us where we live, examining slavery in present day through the eyes of an indentured immigrant servant.

‘Zoey’s Perfect Wedding’

April 30 through June 5 at TheaterWorks Hartford. twhartford.org

One of the most versatile theater writers of our time, Matthew Lopez can write heart-wrenching historical dramas (“The Whipping Man”), epic social chronicles (“The Inheritance”) and tender family stories (“Somewhere”). But Lopez also writes crowd-pleasing comedies such as “The Legend of Georgia McBride” (a hit for TheaterWorks in 2018) and the chaotic nuptials of “Zoey’s Perfect Wedding.”

‘Curlew River and Seven Deadly Sins’

May 12-15 at Madison Lyric Stage, Madison. madisonlyricstage.org

An inspired double feature of two short operas, kicking off the newly tent-bound Madison Lyric Stage season. “Curlew River” is a religious parable by William Plomer and Benjamin Britten, using a Japanese Noh theater format. “Seven Deadly Sins” is a satirical song cycle of sorts by Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill.

‘Between Two Knees’

May 12-June 4 at Yale Repertory Theatre, New Haven. yalerep.org

The 1491s are a Native American sketch comedy ensemble you may know from various comedy news shows, or from the many mentions of them in comedy historians Kliph Nesteroff’s new book “We Had A Little Real Estate Problem: The Unheralded Story of Native Americans and Comedy.” The 1491s have now written a full-length play, which premiered two years ago at the Oregon Shakespeare

Festival and now comes to Connecticut. The director is Eric Ting, well-remembered as the ever-clever former associate artistic director of the Long Wharf Theatre.

‘She Kills Monsters’

May 13-28 at Hole in the Wall Theater, New Britain. hitw.org

In case you’ve missed it, “She Kills Monsters” is the teen drama sensation of the past few years. In Qui Nguyen’s masterful blend of broad comedy, science-fiction and psychological drama, a young woman named Agnes tries to bond with the memory of her late sister by disappearing into a Dungeons & Dragons netherworld.

‘Cabaret’

May 13 through July 3 at the Goodspeed Opera House, East Haddam. goodspeed.org

What good is sitting alone in your room? The Goodspeed Opera House returns to large-cast, full-blown musical theater revivals with the 1965 Kander/Ebb classic based on John Van Druten’s play “I Am a Camera,” which in turn was based on the

“Goodbye to Berlin” short stories of Christopher Isherwood. James Vásquez directs.

‘Queen’

May 17 through July 5 at the Long Wharf Theatre, New Haven. longwharf.org

Madhuri Shekar’s play, directed by Aneesh Kudtarkar, promises a provocative debate about climate change, academic principles and the world we live in, but “Queen” is also notable for being the last play scheduled to be performed at 222 Sargent Drive, which the Long Wharf Theatre has called home since 1965.

‘An American in Paris’

May 19-21 at the Shubert, New Haven. shubert.com

The national tour of the underrated Broadway musical is based on the Hollywood classic set in post-World War II France and features a slew of Gershwin tunes. The stage version, crafted eight years ago by Christopher Wheelton with a script by Craig Lucas, keeps everything focused on great dancing and eternal romance but, unlike the film, shows us what the aftermath of a war can really feel like.

‘Rent’

May 26 through June 19 at ACT of CT, Ridgefield. actofct.org

With a national tour of the original Broadway rendition of “Rent” still crisscrossing the country through the end of this month — a tour which played Connecticut numerous times, on top of all the other tours that’ve happened since the late Jonathan Larson’s Puccini-tinged paean to late ‘80s New York City became an international hit in the mid-1990s — there simply haven’t been many regional productions of this modern classic. ACT of CT, which has a real feel for American musicals of the last quarter-century or so, offers its own “Rent,” directed by Michelle Tattenbaum. The timing couldn’t be better, given how well Lin-Manuel Miranda’s film based on Larson’s other well-known work, “Tick... Tick... BOOM!,” turned out.

‘Kiss My Aztec’

June 1-26 at Hartford Stage, Hartford. hartfordstage.org

Esteemed film actor John Leguizamo got his start on theater stages and comedy clubs, and he never left, still writing the occasional solo show for himself

and now creating (but not performing in) this wild ensemble piece covering 500 years of Latin-American history. This manic history mix is also a musical. The book is by Leguizamo and the show’s director is Tony Taccone, with music by Benjamin Velez and lyrics by David Kamp.

‘Hamilton’

June 22 through July 10 at The Bushnell, Hartford. bushnell.org

Revolutions take time. “Hamilton” was supposed to return to The Bushnell two years ago, after first playing there just two years before. COVID put a damper on that, but a four-year turnaround is still pretty impressive, and the show is nearly as popular as ever. It also means that a show, which originated during the Barack Obama administration, and first played Hartford during the Trump administration, is now visiting during the Biden administration. A contemporary context can affect how the show is received, given its pell-mell multi-racial portrayal of political turmoil happening around 250 years ago.

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Pierce puts new spin on familiar recipe in ‘Julia’

While similar, chef’s husband differs from actor’s ‘Frasier’ role

By Mark Kennedy
Associated Press

David Hyde Pierce has returned to TV this spring playing a familiar part — an erudite man who adores fine food, wine and art. But this has nothing to do with “Frasier.”

Pierce is playing Paul Child, husband and chief cheerleader of Julia Child, whose warbling, encouraging voice and able hands brought the intricacies of French cuisine to American home cooks through her TV series and books.

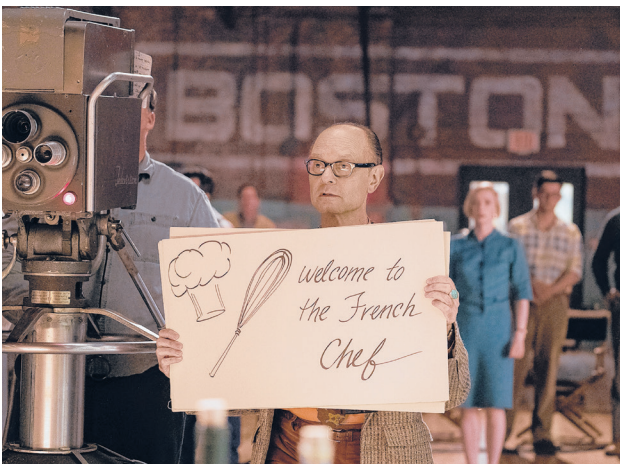
“These are two people of great depth, of great complexity of character, who found each other, and I think we all are luckier for it,” said Pierce. “I really loved Paul, having come to study him.”

HBO Max’s eight-part “Julia” traces its culinary hero’s unlikely arc from home kitchen cook to national icon, all the while supported by her husband, a diplomat-turned-artist. “You’re teaching Americans how to taste life, and they’re listening; that’s (expletive) huge,” he tells her.

Viewers will see Paul Child evolve from a snob who refuses to allow a television set in their home to a man eager to hold cue cards for his wife on the kitchen set of “The French Chef.”

“I think about him in comparison to the character of Niles on ‘Frasier’ because they’re two characters who obviously both love food and wine and stuff like that,” said Pierce. “But I think of Niles as a person who lived in spite of his body. And Paul is a man who lives completely in his body.”

Opposite him is Sarah Lancashire as the title character, nailing Julia’s



David Hyde Pierce portrays Paul Child, husband and chief cheerleader of cooking legend Julia Child, in the eight-part series “Julia.” **HBO MAX**

vocal and physical tics, the clucking and cooing, lurching movements and sudden gales of laughter. They make a fascinating couple — she impulsive and charmingly awkward, and he more introspective and careful.

Viewers will instantly recognize Julia, but may know nothing of her husband, who didn’t make appearances on her show and whose influence is more subtle. Take her kitchen: Paul was the one who drew outlines of every single pot and pan on a pegboard so that they would always go back to the right place.

“That combination of Julia’s spontaneity and his meticulousness really was part of what made them such a great pair,” said Pierce.

The cast also includes Isabella Rossellini, Fran Kranz, Brittany Bradford, James Cromwell, Jefferson Mays, Judith Light and “Cheers” alum Bebe Neuwirth.

Created by Daniel Goldfarb, the series examines workplace politics, feminism and the downside of celebrity. The role of Paul is also an interesting model of what it means to be an ally. “It can’t be easy having

a woman steal your shine,” he is told.

“It was just as Julia’s star is ascending when his was starting to dim,” said Pierce. “It is a credit to him and a really important part of the relationship to examine that, especially at that time given men’s roles and women’s roles.”

Goldfarb, a co-producer of “The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel,” said the marriage was unusual in that it evolved, starting in the old-fashioned 1950s and growing into a modern partnership that was playful and lusty.

“It’s one of the great love stories of all time,” he said. “It sort of grew and changed, and they play different roles and different times of their life.”

Chris Keyser, the showrunner and executive producer, credits Paul Child with bravery for being able to see that the world was changing and going along with it.

“This is something — I think — very moving about figures of history who bridge two different periods and are able to do that,” he said. “We find him really moving and remarkable.”

The project was filmed during the pandemic, making research challeng-

ing. Paul Child died in 1994, and Pierce was unable to access the couples’ cache of letters and writings at Harvard University because of the shutdown. But librarians read excerpts to him over the phone, and Pierce consulted Paul’s twin brother’s memoir.

Pierce found in Paul Child a complex man, a one-time merchant marine, who had a black belt in judo, played the violin and had a fear of heights. He had once gotten a job in Paris repairing stained glass in cathedrals. He recognized talent and cheered it — especially when it came from his wife.

“He realizes suddenly that she’s a star. The things that he sees in her — the thing that makes her just glow in his eyes — is something that is bigger than both of them,” said Pierce.

Later episodes deal with the costs of that pivot, the toll it takes when someone willingly steps behind their partner and lets their own dreams slip aside.

“There are moments when you sit by yourself and look at your life and think, ‘Wow, am I done? I mean, I love doing this, but are all those achievements that I started to make behind me now?’” Pierce said.

Those kind of questions have real relevance as we emerge from the pandemic, Pierce said. The pause has given us a chance to ask deep questions about where we are going and what we really want to do.

“COVID made so many people have to take a step back from their lives,” Pierce said. “Many people, after two years plus, looked at their lives that they were just taking for granted and were suddenly thinking, ‘Is this what I want to be doing? Should I explore something else?’ So there’s a funny parallel there.”

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New Canaan: Silvermine Instructors Exhibition is up until April 14. silvermineart.org.

Bruce Museum, One Museum Drive in Greenwich: “Permanent Science Galleries: Natural Cycles Shape Our Land” is up until the end of the year. brucemuseum.org.

Center for Contemporary Printmaking in Mathews Park, 299 West Ave. in Norwalk: “A Show of Hands: Diane Cherr” is up until April 17. contemprints.org.

The Gallery at Still River Editions, 128 East Liberty St. in Danbury: “Scratching the Surface: David Haislip” is up until May 27. stillriver-editions.com.

Hollis Taggart Southport, 330 Pequot Ave: “Beyond the Surface: Edward Holland, Will Hutnick, Emily Kiacz, Lizbeth Mitty and Erika Rane” is up to April 30. hollistaggart.com.

Fairfield University Art Museum, 200 Barlow Road in Fairfield: “Adger Cowans: Sense and Sensibility” is in the Bellarmine Hall Galleries to June 18. “13 Ways of Looking at Landscape: Larry Silver’s Connecticut Photographs” will be up until June 18. fairfield.edu/museum

MoCA Westport, 19 Newtown Turnpike: “Punk is Coming,” with work by Merrill Aldighieri, Amy Arbus, Emily Armstrong, William Badgley, Alex Bag, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Roberta Bayley, Janette Beckman, Celeste Bell, Richard Butler, Beth Collar, Jayne County, Jim Fields, Jill Furmanovsky, Danny Garcia, Richard Hambleton, Duncan Hannah, Tony Hope, Pat Ivers, David Johansen, Kevin Kerslake, Cindy Hudson Kral, Lynette Bean Kral, Ivan Kral, Helmut Lang, Jenny Lens, Linder, Judy Linn, John Lydon, Robert Mapplethorpe, Hans Neleman, Fabrika Ouch, Lisa Jane Persky, Thebe Phetogo, Amos Poe, Eileen Polk, Richard Prince,

Dee Dee Ramone, Ruby Ray, Jamie Reid, Marcia Resnick, Ebet Roberts, Sheila Rock, Sue Rynski, Donna Santisi, Marian Schwindeman, Steven Sebring, Kate Simon, Penny Slinger, Patti Smith, Paul Sng, Julien Temple, Gail Thacker, Arturo Vega and Sally Webster, is up until June 5. mocawestport.org.

Middlesex County

Ezra and Cecile Zilkha Gallery at Wesleyan University in Middletown: Senior Thesis Exhibitions are up until April 24. wesleyan.edu/cfa.

College of East Asian Studies Gallery at Wesleyan University in Middletown: “Strong Bodies for the Revolution: Pursuing Health and Power in the People’s Republic of China” is up to May 13. wesleyan.edu/cfa.

Ashlawn Farm Coffee, 455 Boston Post Road in Old Saybrook: Digital artworks by Christian Rosstad will be on view to April 10. www.eyemazenart.com.

Spectrum Art Gallery, 61 Main St. in the Centerbrook section of Essex: “Animals and People in the Landscape” will be up until May 8. spectrumartgallery.org.

Ben Parker Studio, 1 North Main St. in Essex: “Sip and Stare,” an exhibit that pairs artwork with flavors, will be up until April 29. A spirits event is April 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. A beer event is April 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. brdparker.com/sip-and-stare.

Windham County

Top Shelf Gallery at Fletcher Memorial Library, 257 Main St. in Hampton: “Work by Ann C. Rosebrooks is up until to April 30. fletchermemorial-library.org.

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streaming online on the library’s Facebook page and YouTube channel. hplct.org.

Island sights and sounds

“Small Island, Big Song” is a multi-media celebration of the music of the island nations of the Pacific and Indian oceans, incorporating live music and dance, video and spoken word. The tour arrives April 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts on the University of Connecticut campus at 2132 Hillside Road, Storrs. \$15-\$36. UConn has a related free lecture event on environmental issues April 12 at 4 p.m. Lecture details are at cese.uconn.edu, jorgensen.uconn.edu.

The ‘Jimi Hendrix of Ukulele’

Jake Shimabukuro is that rare thing, a ukulele virtuoso, wrestling sounds out of that humble four-stringed instrument that few have thought possible. The “Jimi Hendrix of Ukulele” returns to Infinity Hall, 32 Front St., Hartford, on April 13 at 8 p.m. \$48 - \$58.

infinityhall.com.

A Trinity of Terror

Three bands with three words in their names — Black Veil Brides, Motionless In White and Ice Nine Kills — have tripled up for the Trinity of Terror Tour, April 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Oakdale, 95 S. Turnpike Road, Wallingford. It’s possible that Black Veil Brides may still be out of commission, having announced on April 4 that vocalist Andy Biersack and some of the band’s crew members had tested positive for COVID-19. But two bands this loud and hellbent and in-your-face should be plenty. \$29-\$54.50 plus platinum packages at \$129 or more. concerts.livenation.com.

Still waiting on those jetpacks

Scottish indie exemplars We Were Promised Jetpacks are back touring behind their 2021 album “Enjoy the View,” which offers the pithy song-title advice “Don’t Hold Your Breath for Too Long,” “Just Don’t Think About It,” “I Wish You Well” and “Nothing Ever Changes.” April 13 at 8 p.m. at the Space Ballroom, Hamden. Frankie Rose opens. \$20. spaceballroom.com.



Musician and Hartford firefighter Charles Diamond performs at the Buttonwood Tree April 16. **MARK MIRKO/ THE HARTFORD COURANT**

Laugh again with Gaffigan

Jim Gaffigan has become one of the most reliable everyman comic voices of the 21st century. He will perform April 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Foxwoods Premier Theater, 350 Trolley Line Blvd., Mashantucket. \$49-\$129. foxwoods.com.

Two blues harps

Black Eyed Sally’s has welcomed live music back on weekends, and it’s a local blues lover’s paradise. This week, the restaurant features back-to-back blues harmonica players. On April 15 at 8 p.m. it’s Ed Peabody

and his band the Big Blue Thang (with drummer Ned Peabody, keyboardist Larry Parquettes, guitarist Michael Barrett, bassist Tony Carminati and saxophonist Deke Kendarian). On April 16 at 8 p.m., it’s Ryan Hartt with his outfit the Blue Hearts. blackeyed-sallys.com.

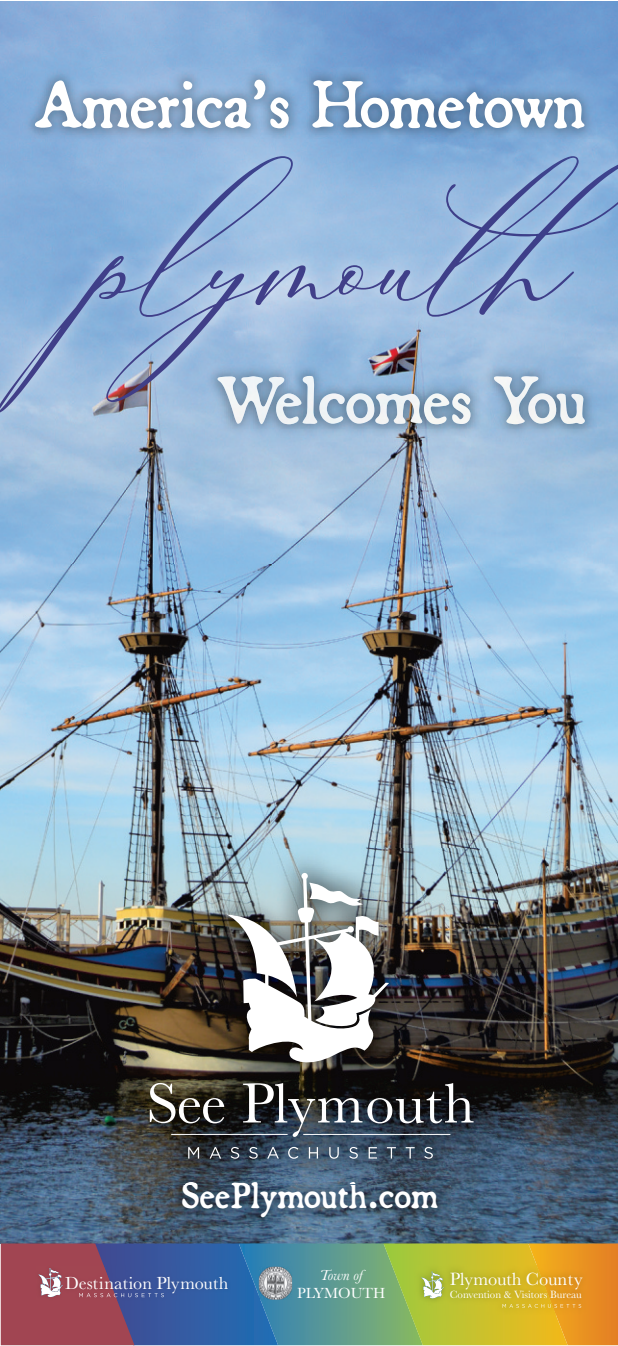
Get out of my heart

Gary Puckett & The Union Gap celebrated womanhood with the single-minded hits “Young Girl,” “Woman, Woman,” “Lady Willpower” and “This Girl is a Woman Now.” Puckett leads his nostalgia act on April 16 at 8 p.m. at the Wolf Den, Mohegan Sun Resort Casino, 1 Mohegan Sun Boulevard, Uncasville. Free. mohegansun.com.

Diamond in the Buttonwood

Charlie Diamond, the firefighter who spends his off-hours traveling far and wide to play his original songs at venues throughout New England, can be found April 16 at 8 p.m. at the Buttonwood Tree, 605 Main St., Middletown. \$20. buttonwood.org.

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A rendering shows the new roller-skating rink at Rockefeller Center, scheduled to open on April 15. IMAGEFICTION FOR FLIPPER'S AND TISHMAN SPEYER

A new Rockefeller ROLLER RINK

Get ready to show off your skating skills in midtown Manhattan starting later this month

By Jane Margolies
The New York Times

NEW YORK — The winter ice-skating season may be drawing to a close at Rockefeller Center, but this year the party will continue after the ice thaws. Get ready for roller-skating.

For the first time since 1940, a roller rink will occupy the sunken plaza at the heart of midtown’s art deco complex. Tishman Speyer, the owner of Rockefeller Center, has contracted with Los Angeles-based Flipper’s Roller Boogie Palace for the project.

Once the ice rink closes, its enclosing walls will be lifted out of the plaza by crane, to be stowed away until the return of the ice skating season next winter, and a smaller rink will take its place. The new rink is scheduled to open April 15; tickets (\$20 for adults) are now on sale.

With the move to a wheel-friendly rink, Rockefeller Center seems to be embracing the retro roller-skating craze that took off during the pandemic, harking back to the days when rinks dotted the city. (The LeFrak Center at Lakeside in the city’s Brooklyn borough, another established rink, also has both ice- and roller-skating, depending on the season).

The Rockefeller roller rink is also part of Tishman Speyer’s attempts to rebrand its complex as a happening place, hip enough to attract locals as well as tourists and office workers (most of whom are still not back on the premises).

The company has been bringing in new retailers

and restaurants, like Lodi, an Italian cafe and bakery, and Rough Trade record store, formerly of Brooklyn. Most recently, the new Pebble Bar, in which actor Jason Sudeikis and “Saturday Night Live” cast member Pete Davidson are investors, was the site for the premiere of “The Batman” after-party.

Liberty Ross, the founder and creative director of Flipper’s Roller Boogie Palace, is the daughter of Ian (“Flipper”) Ross, who opened the original Flipper’s roller rink in Los Angeles in 1979. Located in a former bowling alley, it had murals by John Kosh, a graphic artist who also designed the Beatles’ “Abbey Road” album. The rink attracted celebrities including Jean-Michel Basquiat, Jane Fonda and Laura Dern, then a teenager.

Ross, a fashion model, wrote a book about Flipper’s and now has joined forces with entrepreneur Kevin Wall, who grew up working at his own parents’ roller rink in Fort Wayne, Indiana, to resurrect the brand. They have plans to install rinks in London and Los Angeles. The New York Flipper’s, designed by Alexandre de Betak, a fashion show producer, will be the first to, ahem, roll out.

There will also be a skate store at Rockefeller Center. To find it, visitors will be able to use a new marker: a monumental sculpture in the shape of a trowel by Claes Oldenburg and Coosje van Bruggen. The store, just west of the sculpture, will stock the classic ankle-height four-wheel “quads” that were worn at the



Liberty Ross at Flipper’s Roller Boogie Palace, her roller rink in Los Angeles. HARRY EELMAN/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2021

original Flipper’s — with a royal blue suede boot and red laces and wheels. The same skates will also be available for rent at the rink.

The owners of Rockefeller Center have long tried to find ways to liven up the plaza and draw visitors to the shops in the underground concourse

around it.

After the complex opened in 1933, the concourse stores languished because people didn’t want to schlep down the steps to the plaza and back again. Then someone hit on the idea of installing an ice-skating rink. It opened in 1936 and has been in opera-

tion every year since.

Roller-skating was briefly tested out there in 1940. Tennis courts came and went. The plaza has also been the site of flower shows and concerts, including Aerosmith in 2018.

The roller rink news coincides with the completion of a year-and-a-half renovation of the concourse. What was previously a dim, low-ceilinged space is now more open and light-filled, with exposed ceilings, new art deco-inspired bronze details and floor-to-ceiling storefront windows overlooking the plaza that pivot to allow people to pass in and out.

Restaurants in the concourse will open this summer, but they have been placed away from the windows, so as not to block the view of the rink or natural light, the way the old ones did. There are also takeout options in the underground corridors.

Because the roller rink will be about half the size of the ice rink, there will be room on the plaza for tables and chairs so people can bring food outside and watch all the action.

Programming will range from “meditative” early morning skate sessions to disco nights, Ross said. There will be gospel music on Sundays.

Ross envisions the project as entertainment for onlookers as well as a potential home for skaters at a time when few roller rinks are left. “Most people skate for that sense of freedom,” she said. “I feel like it’s going to be an injection of joy, community and unity, which is very much needed right now.”

Adventures await for those itching to explore

By Lynn O’Rourke Hayes
FamilyTravel.com

Our travel options are expanding. From luxury bucket-list journeys to adventures closer to home, families are opting to explore once more. Here are ideas to consider.

The ultimate African adventure: This epic African adventure combines curated experiences at five Four Seasons properties. The collection includes the

Safari Lodge in Serengeti, as well as pool villa resorts in Mauritius, Seychelles and Seychelles at Desroches Island, as well as a luxurious hillside retreat in Johannesburg. Guests can mix and match adrenaline-filled game drives on the Serengeti with beach days on pristine Desroches Island, resort adventures in the Seychelles, an ocean-front round of golf in Mauritius, and memorable culture and culinary moments in Johannesburg.

Roar & Snore Safaris: For something closer to home and less expensive, families can spend the night at the San Diego Zoo’s Safari Park. Commune with the critters after hours and get comfortable in the Roar & Snore campground. Families can visit nearby animal areas, join guided walks and take part in a campfire program.

Suite stays with your pets: Many families adopted pets during our extended time

at home. Now, with travel possible again, it may not be comfortable to leave Fido behind. There is no need. Take advantage of the Lab of Luxury package at the Conrad Washington D.C., where furry guests can check into a Bark View Suite stocked with an Hermes collar and leash, a Tiffany water bowl and treats. Later, they can expect a chauffeured afternoon with their favorite humans to three dog-friendly wineries.



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Feeling the breath of the bull



Rick Steves

Like a cowboy at a rodeo, I sit atop my spot on the fence. A loudspeaker declares — first in Spanish, then in English — “Do not touch the wounded. That is the responsibility of health personnel.” A line of fluorescent-green-vested police sweeps down the street, clearing away drunks and anyone not fit to run. Then the cleaning crew and their street-scrubbing truck make one last pass, gathering garbage and clearing broken glass. The street — just an hour ago filled with throngs of all-night revelers — is now pristine, sanitized for a televised spectacle. It’s the annual Running of the Bulls in Pamplona, Spain.

Perched on the top timber of the inner of two fences (in the prime area reserved for press), I wait for the 8:00 rocket. Cameras are everywhere — on remote-controlled robotic arms, vice-gripped to windowsills, hovering overhead on cranes, and in the hands of nearly every spectator that makes up the wall of bodies pressed against the thick timber fence behind me.

The street fills with runners. While you can wear anything, nearly everyone is wearing the traditional white pants, white shirt, and red bandana. The scene evokes some kind of cultish clan and a ritual sacrifice. This is the Festival of San Fermín. Fermín was beheaded by the Romans 2,000 years ago, martyred for his faith. The red bandanas evoke his bloody end.

It’s three minutes to eight, and the energy surges. The street is so full that if everyone suddenly



The Running of the Bulls takes place annually in Pamplona, Spain. **RICK STEVES**

ran, you’d think they’d simply trip over each other and all stack up, waiting to be minced by angry bulls. The energy continues to build. There are frat-boy runners — courage stoked by booze and by the girls they’re determined to impress. And there are serious mozos — famous locally for their runs, who’ve made this scene annually for as long as people can remember. They’ve surveyed the photos and stats (printed in yesterday’s paper) of the six bulls about to be turned loose. They know the quirks of the bulls and have chosen their favorite stretch of the half-mile run. While others are hungover, these mozos got a good, solid night’s sleep, and are now stretching and prepping mentally.

For serious runners, this is like surfing: You hope to catch a good wave and ride it. A good run lasts only 15 or 20 seconds.

You know you’re really running with the bull when you feel its breath on your pants.

Mozos respect the bull. It represents power, life and the great wild. Hemingway, who first came to the festival in 1923, understood. He wrote that he enjoyed watching two wild animals run together — one on two legs, the other on four.

It’s 8:00 and the sound of the rocket indicates that the bulls are running. The entire scramble takes about two and a half minutes. The adrenaline surges in the crowded street. Everyone wants to run — but not too early. Suddenly, it’s

as if I’m standing before hundreds of red-and-white human pogo sticks. The sea of people spontaneously begins jumping up and down — trying to see the rampaging bulls to time their flight.

We’ve chosen to be near the end of the run — 200 yards from the arena, where, later today, these bulls will meet their mator.

One advantage of a spot near the end is that the bulls should be more spread out, so we can see six go by individually rather than as a herd.

The bulls rush through, creating pandemonium — a freak wave of humanity pummels the barrier. Panicky boys — no longer macho men — press against my stretch of fence. It’s a

red-and-white cauldron of desperation: big eyes, scrambling bodies, the ground quaking, someone oozing under the bottom rail.

Then, suddenly, the bulls are gone. People pick themselves up, and it’s over. Boarded-up shops reopen, and the timber fences are taken down and stacked. As is the ritual, participants drop into a bar immediately after the running, have breakfast, and together watch the rerun of the entire spectacle on TV — all 131 seconds of it.

While only 16 runners have been killed by bulls over the last century, each year, dozens of people are gored, trampled, or otherwise injured during the event. A mozo who falls knows to stay down — it’s

better to be trampled by six bulls than to be gored by one.

After the last bulls run, the rollicking festival concludes at midnight on July 14. Pamplona’s townspeople congregate in front of City Hall, light candles, and sing their sad song, “Pobre de Mí”: “Poor me, the Fiesta de San Fermín has ended.” They tuck away their red bandanas ... until next year on July 6.

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CELEBRITY TRAVEL

Indi Star loves a quick getaway

By Jae-Ha Kim
Tribune Content Agency

At just 15 years old, Indi Star is a multi-hyphenate entertainer. Besides acting roles in “The Hype-ri-ons,” “Henry Danger” and “Charmers,” she has a burgeoning music career that started with her Kidz Bop days.

“The week I found out I got Kidz Bop, I was turning 11,” said Star, who resides in North Hollywood. “My favorite memories of when I was in Kidz Bop are definitely anytime we were in the YouTube studio in Los Angeles or in New York. I remember having so much fun with all the members. I loved going into the studio and recording all the songs we put out. We also went to Toronto, which was a lot of fun.”

Star stays in touch with her fans on Instagram @indistar and TikTok @indistar.

Q: How long have you lived in North Hollywood?

A: I have been in L.A. for about seven years now. I’ve lived in many areas such as Manhattan Beach, Mid-Wilshire, Marina del Rey and Atwater Village. There are so many cool places to live in Los Angeles. I love getting to know each neighborhood.

Q: What is your favorite vacation destination?

A: I traveled to so many different countries, mostly European and the Caribbean. I go to Cabo a lot with my family for vacation, so I recommend that. It’s a short flight from Los Angeles and is a great getaway.



“Cruises are a great way to see a lot of different places in a short amount of time,” said actor Indi Star. **JESSICA SPOHR**

Q: Do you remember your first trip?

A: I don’t quite remember because I was probably around one or two, but one of the first trips I remember is traveling to Aruba and playing bingo with my family and having such a fun time. I also used to travel a lot to the Bahamas and stay at the Atlantis resort. I have so many memories of going to the aquarium and just hanging out with my family.

Q: What travel advice can you offer?

A: Definitely stay together and keep track of everything you brought with you. Make a list of things to pack so you don’t forget anything. Pack light! You will never use everything you pack. My family only ever travels with carry-on bags. We save a ton of time from not having to get our bags and we never have to worry about losing our bags.

Q: Where are your favorite weekend getaways?

A: We have a house in Laguna Beach, so I love driving down there from Los Angeles to just relax. It’s a different vibe from LA I feel like I can just breathe easier near the ocean.

Q: What are your favorite cities?

A: I obviously love Los Angeles. Paris is amazing and Toronto was really fun. New York City is fun to visit and Cabo is so relaxing. Don’t skip out on Laguna Beach if you are traveling to Southern California. It’s such a cool, beachy, artistic and vibey town. I love exploring new cities.

Q: Where have you traveled to that most reminded you of home?

A: Vermont is one of my favorite places ever. I was born in and lived on the East Coast in Massachusetts for eight years. We had an amazing ski house at Mount Snow in Vermont. It always feels like home whenever I think of it. I miss visiting there.

Q: Where would you like to go that you have never been to before?

A: I want to go to Greenland or somewhere similar to see the Northern Lights! My family and I have a dream vacation of a cruise to Australia from Los Angeles and then flying onto Japan.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.

TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Can I be charged extra for changing my flight?

By Christopher Elliott
King Features Syndicate

Q: Last year, I booked a ticket from San Francisco to Munich. A few weeks later, Lufthansa informed me that the flight had changed and that there would be a stopover in Frankfurt. Given that, it was more convenient for me just to terminate my flight in Frankfurt than to continue on to Munich.

I called Lufthansa and asked to change the ticket to Frankfurt, confirming that the change did not increase the price. I did that on the phone, noting the time and the representative I spoke to.

When I went to the ticket counter on my flight day, a Lufthansa employee told me that my ticket to Frankfurt hadn’t been paid. How was I supposed to know that? I was under the assumption that the original charge was still applied since the representative told me on the phone it would be exactly the same price. This was a complete surprise to me. Lufthansa made me pay a walk-up fare of \$2,360.

I have been fighting with Lufthansa since last July. The airline emailed back twice but obviously had not even read my email. In my last email, I just asked two very specific questions. I haven’t received an answer in five weeks. All I want is a refund of \$1,360, which is the fare difference. Can you help? — Gabriele Stahl, Campbell, California

A: Lufthansa should have done what it promised you by phone: changed your flight from Munich to Frankfurt without charging you. The problem is, you don’t have any evidence that the phone conversation happened. The airline does; it records all calls for “quality assurance” purposes.

Until we’re on a level playing field — until both sides can legally record the conversation, and do — we’ll have problems like this.

The written correspondence between you and Lufthansa is frustrating for me to read.

It looks like you spent many hours trying to secure a confirmation for

your new flight, to no avail. Finally, you just went to the airport on the day of your departure, hoping for the best.

If you ever find yourself in this situation again, make sure you have a confirmation number for the new flight. It looks as if Lufthansa didn’t do what it said. Instead, it canceled your old flight and issued a full refund. Then it made a new reservation and waited for you to pay for it. That’s not what you wanted.

I list the names, numbers and email addresses of the Lufthansa executives on my consumer advocacy site at www.elliott.org/company-contacts/lufthansa-airlines. Unfor-

tunately, Lufthansa almost never responds to my nonprofit organization’s inquiries, so I recommended that you send a brief letter of complaint to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Lufthansa refunded the fare difference. I asked Lufthansa to comment for this story, but it didn’t respond, as usual.

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CELEBRITIES

Radcliffe loved playing film villain

By Peter Sblendorio
New York Daily News

For Daniel Radcliffe, it felt good to be bad. The actor, who rose to fame playing the heroic Harry Potter, embraced portraying an eccentric villain in the adventure-comedy “The Lost City.”

“It’s always nice to do something different. It’s not something I do a lot of in my career, sort of as the bad guy, so it’s very, very fun,” Radcliffe, 32, said.

“There’s great stuff about playing a hero ... but it’s lovely to spend a film not having to be the emotional center of the film or the eyes of the audience or anything like that, and just to kind of go, oh yeah, I don’t even have to be sympathetic or likable or any of those things. There’s something very freeing about that.”

Radcliffe stars in the movie, now in theaters, as Abigail Fairfax, a bombastic billionaire obsessed with recovering an ancient artifact from the Lost City of D. He kidnaps romantic novelist Loretta Sage, played by Sandra Bullock, after she references the Lost City in her book, hoping she can help him find the treasure. Loretta’s cover model, portrayed by Channing Tatum, then begins an ill-equipped rescue mission, kicking off chaos in the jungle.

Radcliffe enjoyed playing a villain in a comedy, saying he approached the antagonist role differently than he would have in a straight drama.

“He is the least favorite son of a media mogul,” Radcliffe said of his character. “He is kind of amoral and villainous, but all of his villainy is motivated by a very human and slightly pathetic need to be liked, and (he) desperately wants his dad to be impressed by him. The evil actions are almost from a very mundane and human



Daniel Radcliffe, who plays Abigail Fairfax in “The Lost City,” attends a screening in London. TIM P. WHITBY/GETTY

place, which I think was clever.”

Production took place in the Dominican Republic, with many scenes shot in the actual jungle. The setting provided “extraordinary scenery” that’s featured throughout “The Lost City,” said Radcliffe.

“We had a proper helicopter unit on this, so (with) some of those shots of the ocean and of the mountains, you really feel the scope of it in a different way,” Radcliffe said. “It’s very, very cool.”

The actor said it was a thrill to work with Bullock and Tatum. “I grew up obviously on the ‘Potter’ films and working with extraordinary actors like Maggie Smith and Richard Harris, but I didn’t as a young child really have an appreciation for who they were and what their work had been,” he said. “Whereas I grew up watching Sandra’s movies, so to be on set with her is

incredibly special. Very nerve-wracking at first, but thankfully she puts you at ease pretty quickly.”

“The Lost City” had its world premiere in March at the South by Southwest festival in Austin, marking Radcliffe’s first time at a cinema since the start of the pandemic. “It was just joyous,” he said. “It was so nice to sit in there with an audience and listen to them react to stuff. It was very much a reminder, like, oh yeah, this is why cinemas are good, and this is why I’ve missed this.”

April 10 birthdays: Actor Steven Seagal is 70. Singer Babyface is 63. Comedian Orlando Jones is 54. Singer Shemekia Copeland is 43. Actor Laura Bell Bundy is 41. Actor Harry Hadden-Paton is 41. Actor Mandy Moore is 38. Actor Haley Joel Osment is 34. Singer Maren Morris is 32. Actor Daisy Ridley is 30. Actor Sofia Carson is 29.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson
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Estrangement after police ‘wellness check’

Dear Amy: We are a family of seven siblings, all in our 60s.

My brother “Brian” and sister-in-law lost their teenage daughter to a sudden medical event in 2014.

Brian, his wife and two surviving children have been rocked to the core, and have sought grief counseling. In 2017, our sister “Susan” (who lives across the country) called Brian on a day he was feeling deeply sad.

Otherwise, it was a normal day — his son was helping to pack Brian’s car for the work trip he was taking that afternoon, and neighbors were clustered on the sidewalk, participating in a local gardening project.

Susan contacted another sister, “Stella,” with concerns that Brian was suicidal. Without contacting Brian, his wife, or any other local family members, Stella phoned the local police for a “wellness” check. She alerted them that our brother, a hunter, owns guns.

The police showed up, guns locked and loaded — and wearing flak vests. They handcuffed Brian in front of his neighbors and took him to the local ER, where his RN daughter was working in the ICU.

He passed the ER evaluation and was home within hours but missed his flight for the work trip.

Brian was furious with these two sisters. Susan and Stella have subsequently not talked to him or anyone else in the family for five years.

They demand an apology for having saved our brother’s life.

Can’t sadness and

parental grief and despondency be discussed, managed and supported — without launching a paramilitary response? — *Surviving Sister*

Dear Surviving: Your two sisters misread and overreacted to your brother’s situation in the moment, and I agree that they have handled things very badly, especially in the aftermath of this episode.

It’s ironic that they both cared so much for your brother’s welfare, and they are reacting to their own actions by not caring at all for his welfare now.

They might have said to “Brian”: “We were panicking. We had no idea of what the police response would be, and we feel terrible. We’re so sorry!”

Instead, they are doing what people who feel cornered by their mistakes often do: They are doubling down.

Because you are the one who wrote to me, I think you should make an effort to reach out to these sisters — on your own and representing only your point of view. If they want to come to the family table, they will have to find a way, and you can offer to help — but you cannot do it for them.

Brian, of course, gets to make his own choice regarding any contact with these sisters.

Dear Amy: I am a financially independent adult.

My parents raised me Catholic, but they know that I left the church a long time ago.

What can I do about them proselytizing to me?

Should I just ignore their texts?

Should I ask them to

stop?

I left Catholicism a long time ago, and don’t care to return.

— *Gay Son*

Dear Son: To point out the obvious, you may believe that the Catholic church may have left you before you left the church.

Yes, you should ask your parents to stop proselytizing to you. Tell them that when they do this, it pushes you further away from them.

If you have left the church but retained your Christian faith, they might be relieved if you told them this.

If they continue, yes — ignore these texts, but don’t ignore your parents. They may be afraid that they are losing you (or have already lost you), and their efforts are misguided and misapplied.

Dear Amy: Regarding your “Best of?” column about dragging a refusing teenager on “one last family vacation,” I’m on the teen’s side.

I hated family vacations. My parents fought nonstop and because I was the oldest, I had to look after the younger ones.

When I was 17, I stopped going on vacation (I had a job), and it gave me some peace and quiet.

— *Relieved!*

Dear Relieved!: This scenario was one I hadn’t anticipated, and yes — it sounds like a real trial for you.

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Aries (March 21-April 19): This is a good day considering the progress you’ve made. Now that you’ve done some hard work toward achieving your goals, you’re being asked to dig deep and find your willpower to continue doing what you’re doing.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Something simmering below the surface is now ready to be revealed. This could be a bottled-up feeling or a recognition of your self-worth. Everything that you’ve held your tongue about up until now could come out as soon as someone prods your emotions. Try to keep a cool demeanor!

Gemini (May 21-June 20): You could be stepping back from your usual position today. You will likely take a backseat and allow someone else to lead. While your place may be temporary, remember that you can still shine by doing your work as best you can — whether or not you’re at the top of the pyramid.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Your responsible side might be battling with your fun side. You may want to practice a good habit or do some important work, but temptation could strike with an invitation from someone in your life. Try to remember times in the past where similar setups led to regret.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): An enthusiastic display of emotion could throw you out of whack. You’re more emotionally sensitive, and something that might not usually bother you can hit you. Your vulnerability is something to be admired, but someone may try and use your good nature for their benefit.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Past lessons may need to be revisited. You might be unknowingly repeating a difficult situation from your past. The details may have changed, but the overall themes are the same. Do yourself a favor by staying aware of the situation and applying what you’ve learned now, instead of after it’s over.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You likely are keeping something to yourself. An unpopular opinion or guilty pleasure could be something that you’re not willing to share and receive criticism for. You’re allowed to have a secret, but examine what led you there. It’s good to be aware of your shadow self.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Changing opinions could shift your perspective. You may have had a steadfast opinion, but now you find yourself coming around to the other side. Rather than allow your ego to get the best of you, you should be comfortable with evolving and allowing your tastes to change.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The need to focus may catch you by surprise. You might have been coasting lately, but it’s now time to get down to business. Shirking your responsibilities now will only come back to haunt you, so do what needs to be done. You can take a break once the necessary tasks are done.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It’s time to do something for yourself today. If you try to force your mind to focus on your tasks today, you might find that you’re distracted. Allow your intuition to take the wheel — be a little more free with your plans. Alone time to express your feelings would be beneficial to you.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can’t control what other people think. You may feel like their perceptions of you would change if you explained yourself, but you don’t need their approval. Remind yourself that pleasing everyone isn’t possible. This sentiment will help you be able to live a freer lifestyle.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): A disagreement could get under your skin. You may have someone in your life who makes a point to belittle your opinion. Stay calm and show them that you’re the more mature person! Stooping to their level would only give them the satisfaction of having moved you.

purchased the contract of Jackie Robinson from the Montreal Royals.

In 1971, a table tennis team from the United States arrived in China at the invitation of the government for a goodwill visit that came to be known as “ping-pong diplomacy.”

In 1974, Golda Meir announced her resignation as prime minister of Israel.

In 2010, Polish President Lech Kaczynski, 60, was killed in a plane crash in western Russia that also claimed the lives of his wife and top Polish political and church officials.

In 2019, scientists released the first image ever made of a black hole, revealing a fiery, doughnut-shaped object in a galaxy 53 million light-years from earth.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On April 10, 1912, the British liner RMS Titanic set sail from Southampton, England, on its ill-fated maiden voyage.

In 1947, Brooklyn Dodgers President Branch Rickey

LAST WEEK’S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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SCRABBLEGRAMS

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BOGGLE BRAIN BUSTERS!

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MacArthur’s “I shall return” is one of the best military quotes of all time, —

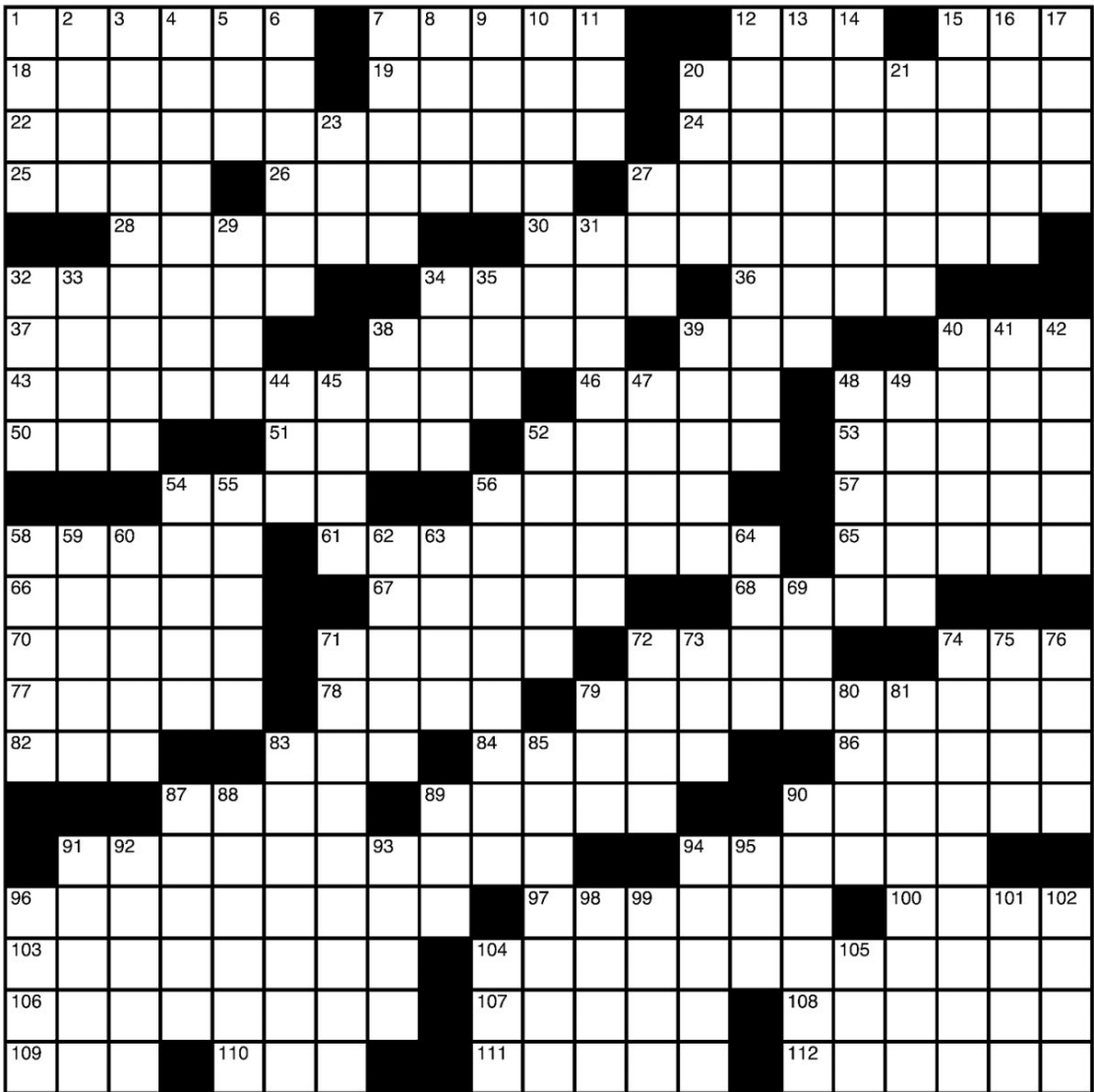
GENERALLY SPEAKING

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Assembling the Parts

By Paul Coulter

- Across**
1. Fruit stand buys
7. One way to be taken
12. Behavioral Analysis Unit's org.
15. Govt. loan agency
18. Mountains of __: Genesis locale
19. Bar offering
20. Heros, to some
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34. Kennel club designation
36. Angers
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38. Defense secretary under Nixon
39. Dear
40. DOD intel arm
43. Approached old age + Ready to sail = Joined the cause
46. Archaeological site
48. Noticed
50. "... ideas?"
51. Phone downloads
52. Irritates
53. Studied for a job?
54. Google find
56. Lite
57. Have credit from
58. __ male
61. Yell + Bent on getting = Need urgently
65. Western __
66. Super Bowl LVI champ
67. Some wedding guests
68. Snacks, say
70. Biting
71. One may become a cliché
72. Raise
74. High point
77. Marsh growths
78. Brief "Out of the question"
79. Sergeant's order + Type of skate = Get with the program
82. AOL alternative
83. __ Elton John



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84. Morally instruct
86. The Mick succeeded him as Yankee center fielder
87. Letters after many a general's name
89. Full force
90. Experts
91. Patronize + Comfortable = Kind of parent
94. Rouses
96. Changeable type
97. Thingamabob
100. "Goddess of Pop"
103. Hardly promising
104. Cede + Pitching style =

- Climbing method
106. Writers like O. Henry
107. Aquatic mammal
108. Beltway environs
109. Writer
110. Rehab hurdle
111. Crystal-lined rock
112. "Stagecoach" and "High Noon"
- Down**
1. When repeated, a fish
2. Winged figure of myth
3. Celebration with a tent, maybe
4. Handel bars

5. Apt grab rhyme
6. Put away for later
7. __ Clinton, historic English village that lent its name to a sports car
8. Joke victim
9. "A Hard Road to Glory" author
10. Rent for fishing, say
11. Do-it-yourselfer's purchase
12. Disagreements
13. Mountain West river named for sheep
14. Clinton said he didn't do it
15. Printing flourish
16. Actor Dern
17. Nile serpents

20. Indian butter
21. Patron saint of France
23. Risky turn, maybe
27. __ pie
29. Frosh, probably
31. Writes a new version of
32. It's a long story
33. Brightly colored
34. Hopping targets?
35. Clear (of)
38. Common cat seat
39. Well aware of
40. Japanese-American
41. Take care of
42. Extra feature
44. Dugout rack item
45. Crude gp.?
47. "Aim High" federal org.
48. Merit badge earner
49. Little men in the front row
52. Delivery assignment
54. Dig find
55. Sonnet line quintet
56. Like some bonds
58. Auto option
59. Velcro alternative
60. Groom with a bill
62. "M*A*S*H" corporal
63. Chinese currency
64. Authentic
69. "Exodus" hero
71. Crucial trials
72. "Cast Away" escape vehicle
73. Nevada copper town
74. Vacation rental option
75. "... roasting __ open fire"
76. Cello parts
79. Flipper
80. Sask. neighbor
81. Online customer service option
83. Least fresh
85. Deadline
87. Asian noodle dish
88. Lens cover
89. French word of approval
90. Managed
91. Jersey __
92. Hit lightly
93. "Bonanza" brother
94. Really dig
95. Sound file suffix
96. China problem
98. Able to see right through
99. Had too much, briefly
101. Fed. power dept.
102. Old food label figs.
104. Keep every one of
105. TV pioneer

SCRABBLEGRAMS

Directions: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All words are in the Official SCRABBLE Players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

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PAR SCORE 265-275

BEST SCORE 325

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RACK 5

2nd Letter Triple

Double Word Score

FIVE RACK TOTAL

TIME LIMIT: 25 MIN

JUMBLE

By Jeff Knurek and David L. Hoyt
Tribune Content Agency

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form six ordinary words.

NJLIEG

SARUBD

PHEAPN

NXULIF

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GATUEO

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I hope you know what you're getting yourself into.

It will be nice to be out of the cockpit and working with my hands.

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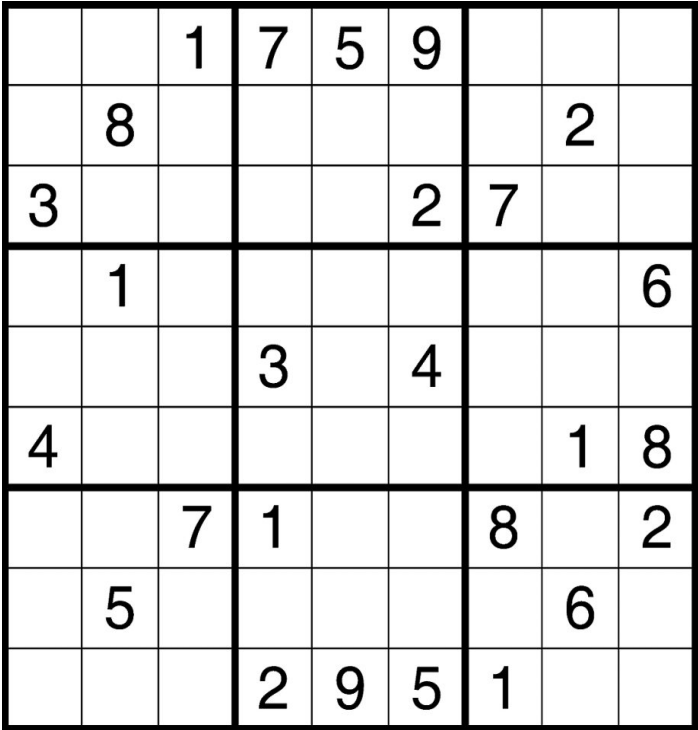
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SUDOKU

By The Mephram Group

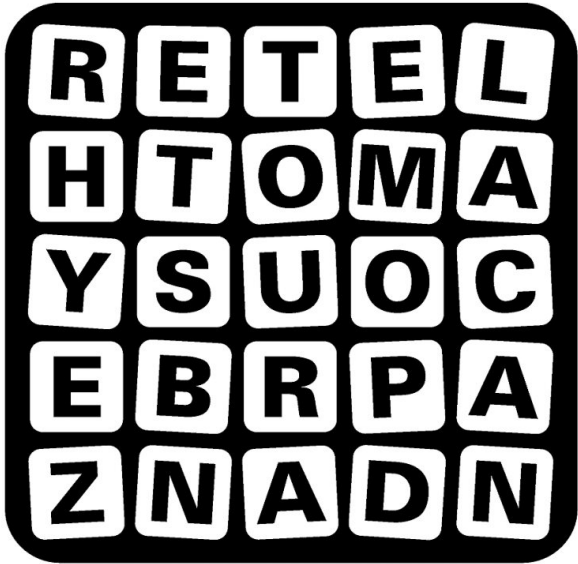
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BOGGLE BRAIN BUSTERS!

By David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

Instructions: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.



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MY PET WORLD

Should I be worried about my cat’s sneezes?

By **Cathy M. Rosenthal**
Tribune Content Agency

Dear Cathy: Our cat, Ms. Annie, usually sleeps at our feet each night. But sometimes in the wee early hours, she will crawl up, get right in our face, and then shake her head and sneeze, which sprays us. Is this normal? It’s almost (but not quite) akin to getting a papal blessing.
— *John, Ivins, Utah*

Dear John: Normal? No. Normal for Ms. Annie? Perhaps. If she is just sneezing once in the morning and then doesn’t sneeze again throughout the day, it may be related to allergies in some way. If the sneezing is more frequent, however, it could be a sign of worsening allergies or an upper respiratory infection. Sneezing also may be linked to conditions like feline herpes, feline immunodeficiency virus, and sometimes even dental problems. If Ms. Annie is sneezing more frequently or you are concerned about these morning sneezes, take her to the vet to rule out any major health issues. As for the “papal blessing” you receive each morning, the only way to avoid it is to remove her from the bed as soon as you feel her walking up the bed toward your head.

Dear Cathy: We have a 1 ½-year-old Maltese. He’s very affectionate and cute but does not like to go for walks. If you try to put the leash on him in the house, he either runs away and hides or will bare his teeth and snap. If we can get him in the car, which he likes, we can then get him to walk when he comes out of the car. Secondly, he barks incessantly at people and dogs when we let him out in the gated courtyard. If I try to get him to come into the house by corralling him, he



If a cat is sneezing frequently, it could be a sign of worsening allergies or an upper respiratory infection, writes Cathy M. Rosenthal. **CLEMENT PEIFFER/DREAMTIME**

will snap at me and try to bite at my shoes. Last but not least, he will “mark” his territory and pee on the tile floor once or twice a week, always in the same spot and not on the carpet. We have had three different trainers in the last year or so, without much success. We would really appreciate your advice. He is a very sweet dog who always sleeps with us at night, stays on the couch with us in the evening, and sits on the floor next to us at meal-times.
— *Steve and Caroline, Las Vegas*

Dear Steve and Caroline: Dogs have to be trained to walk on leashes. It’s not something that’s natural for them to do. If he will wear a leash after being in the car, go with what works and build from there. Put him in the car before every walk and put a leash on him while giving him treats. Give more treats during the walk to encourage the behavior. When he gets used to that, start leaving the leash around the house where he can see it. Give him treats if he looks at it and doesn’t run away.

Over the next few days or weeks, move the leash closer to where he sits or sleeps (always giving treats for not running) until he can be next to it without any issues. In time, you should be able to put the leash on him in the house and take him for his walk. As for the barking, that is always a little more difficult to halt. You can’t stop a dog from barking. They are going to alert you to any and every person or dog that walks by. So, all you can do is block his views to reduce the alerts or thank your dog for alerting you and then asking your dog

to “leave it,” so he knows he did his job and can stand down. Please also work on his recall command so he learns to come when called because that is another way to stop the barking. Use a clicker to retrain your dog to “sit” so he learns that a clicker marks the desired behavior, and a treat will follow. Train him when there are no distractions around, increasing the level of distractions over time. (If you have to corral him, use a broom to gently guide him.) Finally, if he is relieving himself on your tile floors, clean the areas with

an enzymatic cleaner to remove all traces of biologicals (urine or poop). This should help remove his temptation to mark your floors. If he is still wetting the floors after this cleaning, put pee pads on the floor so you can at least communicate where you want him to pee. Cathy M. Rosenthal is an animal advocate, author, columnist and pet expert. Send your questions, stories and tips to cathy@petpundit.com. Please include your name, city and state. You can follow her @cathymrosenthal.

Houseguests who rearranged furniture overstepped bounds



Judith Martin
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: Aloha! I’ve hosted many houseguests over the years, most with no problems, but occasionally I’ve had a few bad ones. How do you handle people who come into your home and totally rearrange everything to suit themselves? I believe in being as accommodating and hospitable as I can. But I had two incidents of people who wanted everything their way: “We’re vegetarians, so you can’t keep any animal products in the house while we’re there,” for instance, and, “We like our bed facing a certain way.” So they rearranged all the furniture in their room. The couch didn’t “look right” to them, so when I returned from being out one day, my whole living room was rearranged to their liking. I always get coffee ready the night before, so it starts automatically and is ready by 7 a.m. or so. This was an inconvenience for them, as they don’t drink it or like the smell. The list continued. They made all the plans, picked all the restaurants and meal times AND expected me to pay. I tell everyone who stays with me, “Help yourself to anything you want. If you’re hungry, go eat.” But no, with these people, I was expected to make any food they wanted, even a sandwich. At what point do you finally put your foot down and respectfully but firmly tell them they’ve overstepped their bounds? I know it’d cause tension, but I’ve always been respectful when I’m invited to a friend’s home

to stay. Living in Hawaii, many people want to come to stay with you for the free room and board, but some people just don’t have any concept of taking advantage of a friend’s hospitality. **Gentle reader:** At what point do you put an end to this madness, you ask? Sometime in between their dictating what food you can keep in your house and their rearranging your furniture. Miss Manners suggests that you tell them: “I am so sorry that our house is not to your liking, but while we want you to be comfortable, we’re keeping it the way it is. I know of some wonderful hotels nearby, however, that only charge a nominal fee for eliminating any wayward coffee smells.” **Dear Miss Manners:** My extended family has a history of division — people not speaking to one another for years. I am guilty, too, but it’s a multi-generational pattern I’d like to end in support of the next generation. I write as we are planning our daughter’s wedding. We are brimming over with joy, but there is one little burr in the saddle: One of my sisters has decided not to speak to me or our other sister. I have just learned from a mutual friend that Silent Sister is coming to the wedding, and that is good. But I don’t want Silent Sister to feel awkward, lurking about the fringes of the event like a coyote in the brush. My thought is to email ALL family members, including Silent Sister, asking them to volunteer for enjoyable tasks at the wedding, such as decorating the donkey with flowers or feeding the longhorns so they show up for the photographer. My worry is that she’ll

attempt to create further drama rather than rising to the occasion. Do I let her isolate as she has chosen, or welcome her into the joy of this occasion? I want the focus to be on my daughter. **Gentle reader:** If donkeys and longhorns are involved, your daughter can give up all hope of being the focus. She will certainly be upstaged. Miss Manners therefore recommends that you focus, as you have been, on including your (perhaps undeserving) sister. Assigning tasks is not likely to accomplish this. If she is set on making a scene, it will be of her own doing. Luckily, unless she chooses to prowl in the woods during the wedding, she is unlikely to upstage the animals. **Dear Miss Manners:** Why is it considered taboo to ask a woman her age? Why would a woman not be obliged to answer when asked her age? **Gentle reader:** Well, why, indeed? A society that extols youth and degrades age has poisoned the pleasure of having a long life, but people have curiously adopted this attitude. Often, even employers (illegally) value youth over experience. In social circumstances, Miss Manners has always thought it ridiculous to consider one’s age an embarrassment. Nevertheless, it is — to many gentlemen, as well as ladies — and therefore that question should not be asked of anyone except children. To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to missmanners.com or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.



Calvin Klein sheath styles are a solid choice in the \$90 range. **DREAMTIME**

Find figure-flattering clothes



Ellen Warren
Answer Angel

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I am an almost-56-year-old teacher who has a decent figure. I’m looking for clothes that are more fitted and show my figure but are also age-appropriate and not too sexy/clingy (as my figure isn’t THAT decent). I also feel like when I buy women’s professional clothing it is SO BORING. Ideas welcome!
— *Jane J.* **Dear Jane:** Your quest should not be as hard as it is. But that goes for a lot of us shoppers who aren’t asking that much and yet find our choices limited no matter what our size or age. Some brands do offer what you’re looking for — a leaner silhouette. Calvin Klein sheath styles, available at reasonable prices at department stores, are a solid choice for you in a range of basic and bright colors in the \$90 range. T Tahari sheaths (such as The Tonya) at \$118 or so, also at department stores,

hit just above the knee and are figure-flattering, not a bit dowdy. Sweater dresses at Banana Republic (bananarepublic.gap.com) in the \$150 range are figure-flattering for your lean physique. If these choices are a little too basic for you, that could be a good thing, since you can dress them up or down with jewelry, colored tights and a wide range of footwear from boots to strappy sandals. **Dear Answer Angel Ellen:** I wanted your advice about leggings. I am 77 years old, 5-foot-7, 155 pounds, soooooo can I wear leggings if I wear a shirt/top that will cover my butt? I have tunic-style tops and think they would be OK, but wanted your take on it.
— *Ann N.* **Dear Ann:** My take is go for it! This is a good look for women of any age and size as long as the top covers your backside when you bend at the waist. As my mom used to tell me, “The legs are the last thing to go.” In other words, leggings that show off the legs can call attention to our best feature as we become interested in guiding atten-

tion away from some other parts (like gravity’s pull on upper arms and midriff, to name two). **Angelic readers** For reader Ruth F., who was looking for a makeup makeover, Carol P. says, “I suggest that she contact a Mary Kay representative. She will come to your house and do makeovers and offer suggestions on colors and types of makeup. They have lots of samples and can leave them for you to try. If you decide to order, they can ship directly to you.” Andrea and Marlene W. (both have been Mary Kay consultants) are, not surprisingly, big fans. Marlene writes: “They offer ‘try before you buy,’ in your home. Keep in mind a good makeover starts with a good daily facial regimen. Go to the Mary Kay website (marykay.com) and see what they have to offer or use the site’s ‘consultant locator’ to find an expert near you.” **Now it’s your turn** Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangelellen@gmail.com.

Colon cancer is on the rise in younger adults

By Emily Mullin
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

A little over a year ago, Shannon Gregg noticed she was going to the bathroom more frequently and decided to see a gastroenterologist.

Her doctor thought it was probably just stress, which often causes bowel dysfunction. After all, Gregg was an otherwise healthy 45-year-old. He ran some tests but nothing seemed amiss, except that her iron levels were low. That could be a sign of anemia, which might explain her changes in bathroom habits.

Gregg started getting injections of iron, but they didn't help. So she asked her doctor to run more tests. All of them came up normal. Eventually, she got a colonoscopy in June 2021. When she woke up from the procedure, her doctor told her he found several polyps and a malignant tumor in her colon. Polyps are growths on the lining of the colon, or large intestine. While usually harmless, they can develop into cancer over time.

"I never thought colon cancer was something I needed to worry about," said Gregg, now 46, of Dormont, Pennsylvania. She didn't have any of the risk factors for colon cancer. She doesn't smoke, isn't overweight, doesn't eat a lot of processed foods and doesn't have a family history of colorectal cancer, which includes cancer of the colon or rectum.

Dr. Mark Cedar, chair of gastroenterology at St. Clair Health, who practices with Pittsburgh Gastroenterology Associates and treated Gregg, said cases like hers are all too common among colon cancer patients.

"As far as presentation or symptoms, the majority have none to very little," he said.

A change in bowel habits, blood in the stool, diarrhea,



Shannon Gregg, 46, who was diagnosed with colon cancer after getting a colonoscopy, continues to dance during her treatment, at Fire and Ice Allstars in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on March 21. STEVE MELLON/PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

constipation, stomach pain and unexplained weight loss can all be symptoms of colon cancer. But many people with colon cancer are asymptomatic, Cedar said.

From 2008 to 2017, deaths of people under age 55 from colon cancer increased 1% every year, even as overall colorectal cancer rates dropped. The alarming trend led the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, a panel of national disease prevention experts, to issue new recommendations in May 2021 on colorectal cancer screenings.

Previously, adults at average risk for colorectal cancer were supposed to start having regular screenings when they turned 50. Now, the group recommends colorectal screenings begin at age 45.

It's especially important for people who live in Pennsylvania, where the rate has consistently been

higher than the national rate. For example, in 2016, the overall rate in Pennsylvania for colon cancer was 40.7 per 100,000 people, slightly higher than the U.S. rate of 37.1 per 100,000 people.

Mirroring the national pattern, the overall rate of colon cancer in Pennsylvania has dropped significantly, while the rate for young people has increased.

From 2000 to 2016, the rate of colon cancer among Pennsylvanians aged 45 and older decreased from about 93.1 to 58.6 people per 100,000, according to a 2019 report by the state Department of Health. But during that same time, the rate among those between the ages of 20 and 44 increased from 6.6 to 10.1 per 100,000 people.

Why rates of colon cancer among younger adults are increasing while overall cases are decreasing is puzzling medical experts.

"We don't have all the answers yet," Cedar said. "There are a lot of studies researching this very problem."

Family history, genetics, age and a preexisting inflammatory bowel disease increase a person's risk of developing colon cancer, but so do lifestyle factors such as a lack of physical activity, poor diet, obesity, alcohol consumption and tobacco use.

"We think processed foods, high fatty foods, fried foods, excessive red meat, and processed meats, like lunch meat, hot dogs, sausages, raise the risk of colon cancer," Cedar said.

In a 2017 article in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, researchers said white bread, breakfast cereals, cakes, french fries and other so-called high glycemic foods may be partly to blame for growing rates of colon cancer in younger adults. Studies have found the typical

Western diet, which is high in fat and low in fiber, can set off inflammation in the gastrointestinal tract.

Being overweight or obese and the use of tobacco are also risk factors for colon cancer. But Cedar says he's diagnosed colon cancer in several young adults who are healthy and don't have any of the usual risk factors.

There may be unique risk factors for colon cancer in younger adults that researchers haven't yet identified. Scientists are studying environmental links — such as air and water pollution and chemicals in soil and food — as potential causes of early-onset colon cancer.

To help prevent colon cancer, Cedar said exercising regularly, maintaining a healthy weight and not smoking is important. In terms of diet, he recommended foods high in fiber, such as fresh fruits, beans and lentils, broccoli,

carrots, almonds, quinoa and whole grains.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many people have put off elective procedures such as cancer screenings. As a result, doctors are seeing more patients present with advanced stages of cancers that could have been detected earlier with screenings. But experts say now is the time to get caught up on the screenings that might have missed over the past two years.

Colonoscopies aren't the only screening test for colon cancer. At-home stool tests are an option for people who are at average risk of colon cancer, meaning they don't have a close family member who was diagnosed with colon cancer, have never had polyps and don't have inflammatory bowel disease, which raises the risk for colon cancer.

These tests are mailed to a person's home and look for the presence of blood in the stool or abnormal DNA in stool that may be indicative of cancer. The blood test should be done every year and the DNA test can be done every three years.

Colonoscopies are recommended every 10 years, although people at higher risk for colorectal cancer may need to start screening before age 45 or need to be screened more often.

In most cases, colonoscopies and other screening tests are covered by insurance. But the Colorectal Cancer Alliance has a financial assistance program to help cover the cost of screenings for patients who need it.

The organization's online assessment tool, quiz.getscreened.org, can help patients figure out what screening options are best for them. Any questions about colon cancer can be answered by calling the alliance's hotline at 877-422-2030.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Eating dragon fruit improves flexibility of blood vessels

By Joe Graedon, M.S., and Teresa Graedon, Ph.D.
King Features Syndicate

Q: My spouse and I have begun drinking dragon fruit juice. We both like it very much, but we also find that it has a fairly strong diuretic effect. Is this a result of the fruit?

A: Dragon fruit comes from a type of cactus (Hylocereus) native to southern Mexico and Central America. It now grows throughout the tropics. The red-fleshed version of this fruit (also called pitaya) is rich in the plant compound betalain. We have not been able to find any evidence that it encourages urination. However, it does seem to improve blood vessel flexibility (American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, March 10, 2022).

Another food that is rich in betalain is beet root. There is now ample evidence that beet root juice also improves blood vessel elasticity and lowers blood pressure.

Q: I've had unbelievable success completely eliminating my insomnia by taking Ashwagandha. I've been an insomniac all my life, with intrusive thoughts and worries consistently keeping me from sleeping well. I started using Ashwagandha on a daily basis about five years ago. Gradually, I started sleeping better and better. I'd been taking an assortment of sleep meds with little relief. Now, I need nothing else to help me sleep. The only hard part is getting up in the morning. I could easily sleep eight hours or longer!

For me, Ashwagandha is pure gold when it comes to combating insomnia.



Dragon fruit is rich in betalain, which has been found to lower blood pressure. DREAMSTIME

Furthermore, I've tested it: If I don't take Ashwagandha, I almost immediately revert to poorer sleep again.

A: Ashwagandha (Withania somnifera) has a reputation for calming a restless mind and promoting sleep. Some readers, like you, get good results. But others have experienced unpleasant side effects.

Digestive upset is not uncommon. One woman wrote: "My husband tried this supplement for anxiety and better sleep and was sick as a dog for 24 hours after taking one capsule. He had horrible cramps and diarrhea." Other complications may include drowsiness, headache, liver problems or a drop in blood pressure.

Q: I had a splinter in my finger under the surface of the skin where I couldn't get at it. After I saw a suggestion to pour hydrogen peroxide on it, I put my finger over the sink and poured on a generous amount. I was amazed to see the splinter emerge so that I could grab it easily with tweezers!

A: This remedy is new for us. Hydrogen peroxide has been used as an antiseptic and wound cleaning agent for more than 100 years. The foaming action of hydrogen peroxide may clear out debris after a wound, but physicians now consider this approach outdated. That's because they fear that hydrogen peroxide could damage delicate tissue and impair healing.

Other approaches for splinter removal include applying white glue to the area over the splinter for a few hours allows for easy removal. Still others use duct tape to accomplish the same result.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.

Q&A

Preventing kidney stones

Mayo Clinic

Q: My father has had dozens of kidney stones in recent years. I have had a kidney stone once. Are kidney stones genetic? I'm wondering if I will follow in his path and if there is anything I can do to prevent kidney stones.

A: Heredity plays a role in the formation of kidney stones, and after you've developed them once, you are at an increased risk of additional kidney stone formation in the future. Fortunately, effective strategies are available to prevent kidney stones.

Kidney stones are small, hard deposits made of minerals and acid salts that form inside the kidneys. Although the stones start in the kidneys, most people don't know they have kidney stones until the stones move into the ureter — one of two tubes connecting the kidneys and bladder. Stones often become wedged in the ureter or in the opening of the kidney that leads to the ureter, causing urine to back up and resulting in severe pain.

Kidney stones are common. About 12% of the U.S. population has experienced repeated bouts of these stones. If you have a family member who has had kidney stones, then you're more likely to develop kidney stones. But other factors can affect your risk, too.

For example, although the reason isn't clear, people who live in warm Southern climates near large bodies of water have a higher incidence of kidney stones than people who live in the Midwest. People who eat a diet that's high in protein or salt, or has excessive amounts of oxalate, are also at higher risk of kidney stones. Oxalate is a mineral found in many fruits and vegetables, as well as nuts and



Kidney stones are small, hard deposits made of minerals and acid salts that form inside the kidneys. DREAMSTIME

chocolate. Normal intake of calcium in the diet may help prevent stones, while excessive amounts of calcium or the use of calcium supplements may promote stone formation.

Kidney stone development often begins during a person's 20s or 30s, and the problem may continue for many years. Nearly 80% of people who have had kidney stones once will develop them again if preventive steps aren't taken. Because the reason for kidney stone formation is specific to each person, it's important to work with your health care provider to establish an individual treatment plan that fits your situation. That plan should consider what kind of kidney stones you have, possible causes for their formation and specific steps to prevent them.

Of the several types of kidney stones, the most common type is calcium-based stones: calcium oxalate or calcium phosphate. They make up over 75% of kidney stones. Others include uric acid stones, struvite stones that form in response to an infection and cystine stones, in addition to a variety of other rare types of kidney stones.

After a passed stone has been captured, its makeup usually can be established through laboratory analysis. Because each type

of stone forms for different reasons, blood and urine tests also can help determine what's causing stone formation. For example, blood tests can reveal excess calcium or uric acid in your blood. Urine tests can show that you're producing too many stone-forming minerals or too few stone-inhibiting substances.

Once the type of stone and its cause have been established, your health care provider can work with you to develop a plan to prevent future stones. Prevention typically involves adjustments in fluid intake, dietary changes and in some cases medications.

By carefully following an individualized treatment plan, more than 90% of people can successfully prevent additional kidney stones. This is true even if you have a genetic predisposition to kidney stone development. If you haven't already done so, talk with your health care provider about prevention strategies that are right for you.

— Ivan Porter II, M.D., Nephrology, Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, Florida

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‘I just want something that’s gay and happy’

LGBTQ romance booming, as book sales echo cultural shift

By Elizabeth A. Harris
The New York Times

For years, Lana Popovic Harper wrote novels for a pittance she described as “jars of pennies.” So when her new project drew bids from seven publishers, she was thrilled. Stunned, really: The book was a romance about two women. Two women who happen to be witches. “It was completely surreal to me,” Harper said. “People really wanted these queer witches.”

LGBTQ romance novels have been around for decades, but they have been a quiet presence, almost entirely self-published or put out by small niche presses, and often shelved separately from other romances in bookstores. Now, they are coming from the biggest publishers in the industry. They are prominently displayed at independent bookstores and on the shelves at Walmart, and advertised on New York City subway platforms.

And when Harper’s book, “Payback’s a Witch,” was published last fall by Berkley, an imprint of Penguin Random House, it became a bestseller.

“LGBTQ romance is booming,” said Shannon DeVito, director of books at Barnes & Noble.

In many ways, this echoes a broader cultural shift. Gay characters were once confined to niche markets, or to peripheral roles and tragic endings in the mainstream. No longer. An LGBTQ romance novel, in fact, promises two things: It will have LGBTQ characters at its center, and the main couple (or thuple!) will have a happy ending.

“People want to see themselves,” said Laynie Rose Rizer, the assistant store manager at East City Bookshop in Washington, D.C. “Customers will come in and say, ‘I just want something that’s gay and happy.’ And I’m like, ‘I have 10 different options for you.’”

According to NPД BookScan, which tracks the sales of most printed books sold in the United States, about 850,000 LGBTQ romance books sold at traditional retail outlets in 2021 — a 740% increase over a five-year period, and more than double the number sold in 2020.

The category remains a small piece of the market, according to BookScan — just 4% of the romance books sold in print last year. But the growth came even as many books with themes about LGBTQ life aimed at children and young adults were banned in classrooms and schools around the country.

Some recent and upcoming titles in the category include “D’Vaughn and Kris Plan a Wedding,” published by a relatively new Harlequin imprint, Carina Adores, that only produces LGBTQ romance; “Love and Other Disasters,” about the first openly nonbinary contestant on a cooking show; “The Lights on Knockbridge Lane,” a Christmas book with two men canoodling on the cover; and “A Lady For a Duke,” which features a transgender heroine.

The cover of another, “The Perks of Loving a Wallflower,” looks very much like a typical historical romance novel — period outfits, elaborate hairstyles — until it doesn’t. The two people wrapped in each

other’s arms are women.

Photographs for the cover were taken in New York City in December 2020, a difficult time to take pictures of models cuddling, but executives at Forever, the book’s publisher, felt they had to find a way.

“There’s not a lot of stock, believe it or not, for lesbian regency romance,” said Leah Hultenschmidt, the book’s editor.

Forever hired two models who were a couple in real life so they could nuzzle for the camera without violating COVID-19 safety protocols. The book was sold widely, not only in bookstores but also in pharmacies, grocery stores and Walmart.

One book that is often cited by booksellers and publishing executives as a turning point for the genre is “Red, White & Royal Blue,” by Casey McQuiston. A love story about the Prince of Wales and the American president’s son, it was published in 2019 by St. Martin’s Griffin, with an initial print run of 15,000 copies. Its publisher said it now has more than 1.3 million copies in print across formats.

McQuiston, who uses they/them pronouns, said their books are written for and about queer people, but they have also heard a lot of, “Oh, my mom and her book club are reading that.”

“When a book has the ability to cross over and be embraced by mainstream readers and be more pop culture-friendly, I think that is really important,” McQuiston said. “It’s sad to say, but there is still this level of humanization that we need.”

Some of McQuiston’s success can be traced to



Casey McQuiston, who is seen March 7 in New York, wrote “Red, White & Royal Blue,” a book cited as a turning point for the LGBTQ romance genre. **TONJE THILESEN/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

TikTok, where viral book recommendations have become a significant force in book selling. Rizer, from East City Bookshop, has more than 67,000 followers on the platform, and said it makes books from specific genres easier to find.

Snobbishness around romance novels is a long-standing tradition, and one that the industry is trying to shed. Many romance novels today are published as trade paperbacks — the size of general fiction novels, as opposed to the traditional mass market format — with illustrated covers, which look great on tiny screens and are generally more subtle than a photo of a sexy man

with his shirt open, clutching a lady in period garb.

“We go to great lengths to package books so that we will connect with the widest possible audience,” said Anne Marie Tallberg, publishing director at St. Martin’s Publishing Group, “and not get tied up by a snootiness factor.”

For many years, industry executives say, the assumption was that if you were reading a book about gay people, you yourself were gay. Now, publishers are looking beyond readers who identify as LGBTQ.

“Here’s to Us,” a romance about two young men, was advertised this year in New York City’s subway.

By contrast, about

eight years ago, when the author Alyssa Cole told her editor she wanted to write a romance novel about two women — called F/F in industry parlance, for female-female — an editor gave her the go-ahead, but also a warning.

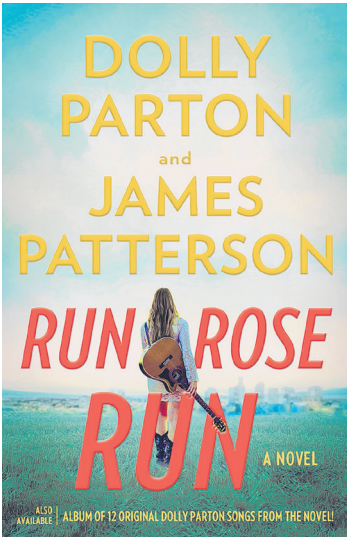
“She said, ‘I’m not telling you not to write this book, but F/F books don’t really sell.’” Cole recalled. “This was back in 2013 or 2014, and she wasn’t wrong.”

But Cole’s most recent book, “How to Find a Princess,” which has a picture of two Black women pressing their bodies together on the cover, was on the shelves at Walmart stores and other major retailers around the country.

NATIONAL BESTSELLERS

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. “Run, Rose, Run: A Novel” by Dolly Parton and James Patterson (Little, Brown) *Last week: 1*



2. “What Happened to the Bennetts” by Lisa Scottoline (Putnam) *Last week: —*

3. “The Diamond Eye” by Kate Quinn (Morrow) *Last week: —*

4. “The Recovery Agent” by Janet Evanovich (Atria) *Last week: 2*

5. “The Paris Apartment” by Lucy Foley (Morrow) *Last week: 3*

6. “Shadows Reel (A Joe Pickett Novel)” by C.J. Box (Putnam) *Last week: 5*

7. “The Match” by Harlan Coben (Grand Central) *Last week: 4*

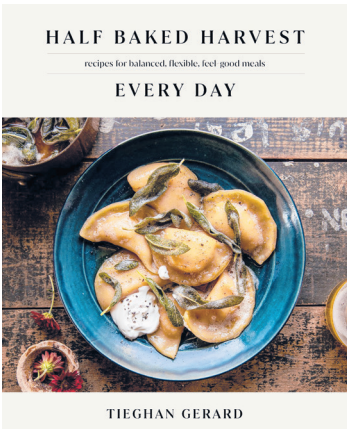
8. “French Braid” by Anne Tyler (Knopf) *Last week: 6*

9. “One Italian Summer” by Rebecca Serle (Atria) *Last week: 7*

10. “High Stakes” by Danielle Steel (Delacorte) *Last week: 10*

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. “Half Baked Harvest Every Day: Recipes for Balanced, Flexible, Feel-Good Meals: A Cookbook” by Tieghan Gerard (Clarkson Potter) *Last week: —*



2. “The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak: Lessons on Faith from Nine Biblical Families” by Shannon Bream (Broadside) *Last week: —*

3. “Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connection and the Language of Human Experience” by Brene Brown (Random House) *Last week: 4*

4. “The Whole Body Reset: Your Weight-Loss Plan for a Flat Belly, Optimum Health & a Body You’ll Love at Midlife and Beyond” by Stephen Perrine (Simon & Schuster) *Last week: 7*

5. “Genius Kitchen: Over 100 Easy and Delicious Recipes to Make Your Brain Sharp, Body Strong, and Taste Buds Happy (Genius Living, 3)” by Max Lugavere (Harper Wave) *Last week: —*

6. “The Great Reset: Joe Biden and the Rise of Twenty-First-Century Fascism” by Glenn Beck (Forefront) *Last week: 1*

7. “The Women of the Bible Speak: The Wisdom of 16 Women and Their Lessons for Today” by Shannon Bream (Broadside) *Last week: 29*

8. “Korean American: Food That Tastes Like Home” by Eric Kim (Clarkson Potter) *Last week: —*

9. “Life Force: How New Breakthroughs in Precision Medicine Can Transform the Quality of Your Life & Those You Love” by Tony Robbins (Simon & Schuster) *Last week: 2*

10. “CEO Excellence: The Six Mindsets That Distinguish the Best Leaders from the Rest” by Carolyn Dewar, Scott Keller and Vikram Malhotra (Scribner) *Last week: 8*

For the week ended April 2, compiled from data from independent and chain bookstores, book wholesalers and independent distributors nationwide.

— Publishers Weekly

FICTION REVIEWS

Satirical absurdity of Chou’s book

Ingrid Yang’s future is laid out cleanly before her: Get her Ph.D., marry her fiancé, get a tenure-track teaching job and eventually retire and die of old age. Her dissertation topic is the canonical Chinese American poet Xiao-Wen Chou — even though she’s Taiwanese American and has no real interest in his boring, straightforward style of verse.

But when a wrench is thrown into the equation, Ingrid’s life enters a disorienting spiral that brings her very self into question.

Elaine Hsieh Chou’s debut novel “Disorientation” is funny from the get-go, in the kind of humor that is uncomfortable and sits in that discomfort until you have to at least chuckle.

Take, for example, Ingrid’s fiancé, Stephen. In the paragraph where he is formally introduced, the word “plain” is used six times, plus twice with near synonyms for plain, and finally he is likened to a sex offender when in the correct lighting. “But to Ingrid, he was perfect.”

OK, maybe not perfect. But nothing in Ingrid’s messy life is perfect. Her stress habits — like itching her eczema-stricken ankle and popping antacids and allergy pills like they’re illicit drugs — are increasing at an alarming rate. But when a mysterious note is left in the Xiao-Wen Chou archive, Ingrid believes she may have uncovered her ticket out of dissertation hell.

Though the story begins comically and simply, the mystery builds and the reveals are dramatic. As Ingrid solves more of the Xiao-Wen Chou puzzle, her world broadens and she begins to confront her often compliant — if not complicit — role in racism. Everything so carefully routine in Ingrid’s life begins to morph; her dissertation, her rivalry



‘Disorientation’

By Elaine Hsieh Chou; Penguin Press, 416 pages, \$28.

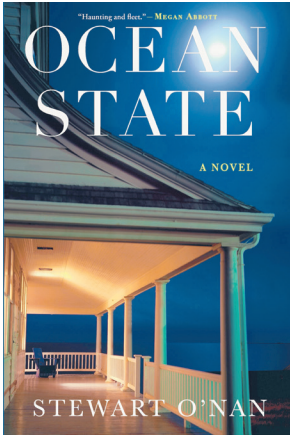
with Vivian Vo, her friendship with Eunice Kim, her engagement to Stephen, and ultimately her understanding of herself.

“Disorientation” satirizes academia, PC culture and every other topic it touches, bringing into question the very etymology of its title. Occasionally veering toward absurdity, the novel finds its way back to painful reality in a dizzying-yet-delightful oscillation.

The novel often dips into other genres, embedding college newsroom articles and TV interview transcripts. It’s situational comedy, as wacky as an actual dream, but beneath the humorously bizarre veneer is a heart-rending analysis of Ingrid’s love life, complete with repressed memories, shame and bitter self-reflection.

Though you would never know it from how fun this wild ride is, “Disorientation” is a seminar bursting with lessons on race, gender and culture, complete with a bibliographical Notes section and everything. Chou clearly did her research. — *Donna Edwards, Associated Press*

In Stewart O’Nan’s “Ocean State,” the first line reveals that a teen girl



‘Ocean State’

By Stewart O’Nan; Grove Press, 240 pages, \$27.

was murdered — and also who did it. Angel killed Birdy, we learn, because they were both in love with the same boy, tangled in a passionate love triangle wrought with endless secrets and zealous anger. From there, O’Nan takes readers through the events leading up to Birdy’s fateful end, as well as the investigation that follows.

The book alternates between the perspectives of the women at the center of this tragedy. Angel and Birdy tell their own stories, but so, too, do Angel’s mother, Carol, and her sister, Marie, who are dealing with their own personal struggles while also coming to terms with the fact that a person they fiercely love did something unimaginable.

“Ocean State” is, above all else, a story of the things love does to us, both the beautiful and terrible.

The book will pull a reader in immediately, but it ultimately falls flat in delivering the plot-twisting suspense it’s opening seems to promise. What you learn on that first page ultimately comes to light in more or less the way you would expect, without any shocking twists or turns to explain why the answer is given away so quickly. — *Molly Sprayregen, Associated Press*

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SPORTS

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YANKEES 4, RED SOX 2

Stanton HR 6th straight vs. Sox in win



Giancarlo Stanton of the Yankees is congratulated in the dugout after hitting a two-run home run during their game against the Red Sox on Saturday in New York. **DUSTIN SATLOFF/GETTY**

By Larry Fleisher
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Giancarlo Stanton became the first player to homer against Boston in six straight games, hitting a tiebreaking, two-run drive in the sixth inning that gave the New York Yankees a 4-2 win over the Red Sox on Saturday.

Anthony Rizzo homered for the second straight day to start New York's comeback from an early deficit, a tying two-run drive in the fourth.

Luis Severino made his first start for the Yankees since the 2019 AL Championship Series as the Yankees improved to 2-0 for the first time since 2018.

Stanton broke a 2-2 tie when he drove an 0-1 slider from Nick Pivetta (0-1) into the first row of the left field bleachers, a 437-foot drive over Boston's bullpen.

Stanton and Rizzo became the first players in Yankees history to homer together in both of a season's first two games. They also became the ninth set of teammates since 1900 to each hit homers in both of a season's first two games, the Elias Sports Bureau said.

"Good to see the big boys doing some damage," manager Aaron Boone said.

Stanton's streak of six straight games with home runs against the Red Sox includes a drive in last year's AL wild card game, a 6-2 Yankees loss.

"We're talking about just a great hitter, a great power hitter," Boone said. "Dating back now, he was in a pretty locked in place and when G gets locked in, that's what happens."

"Just fortunate to get some balls over the plate and be on time and get the barrel to it," Stanton said. "I can't say it's the rivalry or anything. I'm doing my homework and I'm getting the ball over the plate."

Three players had homered in five games in a row against Boston: Mickey Mantle (1954), Ken Griffey Jr. (1996-97) and Jim Thome (1997).

After opening as a designated hitter Friday, Stanton played

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WNBA

Miller hopeful despite late pick

Sun looking to draft one more piece of a potential title team

By Shreyas Laddha
Hartford Courant

Curt Miller heads into Monday's WNBA Draft with three chances to improve his team.

The Sun head coach and general manager is looking for the final piece or two that may put his squad over the top. Connecticut has the 12th, 24th and 36th picks.

"You have the last pick in each round because we had the best record in the league last year," Miller said. "The great news is we haven't really had high picks my entire tenure other than my first year. So that means we've had some really successful regular seasons. The blessing and the curse."

In Miller's tenure the Sun have been one of the best teams in the league. The last two seasons they have lost in the semifinals and in 2019 fell to the Washington Mystics in the finals.

The Sun have a strong core they bring into 2022. The trio of Jonquel Jones, DeWanna Bonner and Brionna Jones helped lead Connecticut to a league-best 26-6 record in 2021. Jones was named MVP and signed a multiyear deal in February to stay with the Sun. Bonner was second on the team in points averaging 15.2 and adding 6.4 rebounds and 3.4 assists. Jones was third on the team, averaging 14.7 points.

"We do have one the strongest frontcourts, if not the strongest frontcourt, in the league," said Jen Rizzotti, the Sun team president. "Jonquel is returning as the most valuable player and Brionna as the most improved player. We feel good about the core group and the little bit of depth there."

Finding talent that will supplement the core is critical, but that presents its challenges.

"While there are particular needs in terms of the position that we look for each draft," Miller said, "we are always at the position, like this year No. 12, that you have to

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UP NEXT

WNBA Draft
Monday, 7 p.m., ESPN



Scottie Scheffler motions with his driver after an errant tee shot on the 18th hole during the third round at the Masters on Saturday in Augusta, Ga. **CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP**

GOLF THE MASTERS

Scheffler survives a wild, windy cold day to lead by 3

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, GA. — Scottie Scheffler spent all day fending off the cold wind at the Masters, slipping on a vest over his layers of clothing after every shot on every hole. One more round and his next wardrobe change might be a green jacket.

Scheffler looked oblivious to the harsh conditions Saturday, at one point stretching his lead to six shots. He held on during a wild and windy ride along the back nine at Augusta National, escaping with bogey from the trees on the 18th for a 1-under 71 and a three-shot lead over Cameron Smith.

"I was playing some good golf, and outside of a couple holes on the back nine, I could have had a really great round," Scheffler said.

"Anything in the red numbers today was going to be solid, and I was fortunate to do so."

Smith had the low round at 68, the only player to break 70, and gave himself another shot at winning the Masters in his first start since his victory in The Players Championship. He was a runner-up to Dustin Johnson two years ago.

Sungjae Im (71), also a runner-up in 2020, was the only other player within five shots.

Tiger Woods wanted to find a way to get into red numbers and wound up with his worst score ever at the Masters, a 78 that will be remembered for his first four-putt at Augusta National. He also had four three-putts and was 16 shots behind.

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MASTERS ROUND 3 AT A GLANCE

- **Leading:** Scottie Scheffler, pictured, posted a 1-under 71 and is at 9 under through three rounds.
- **Fading:** Tigers Woods started the day tied for 19th. The five-time Masters champion finished it tied for 41st after a 6-over 78, his worst in 93 career rounds at Augusta.
- **Shot of the day:** Schwartzel eagled the par-4 10th when his approach from 136 yards landed 10 feet past the flag before rolling in. Gary Woodland eagled the 10th on Friday. It's the first time in Masters history the hole has been eagled twice in the same tournament.

LEADERBOARD

Scottie Scheffler	69-67-71-207	-9
Cameron Smith	68-74-68-210	-6
Sungjae Im	67-74-71-212	-4
Shane Lowry	73-68-73-214	-2
Charl Schwartzel	72-69-73-214	-2

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UP NEXT

Celtics: at Grizzlies, Sunday, 7 p.m.; NBA First Round vs. TBD (Game 1), date/time TBD; NBA First Round vs. TBD (Game 2), date/time TBD
Knicks: Raptors, Sunday, 7 p.m.
Nets: Pacers, Sunday, 3:30 p.m.; NBA Play-In Round vs. TBD, date/time TBD
Bruins: at Capitals, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.; Blues, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Senators, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Rangers: Hurricanes, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at Flyers, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Red Wings, Saturday, 12:30 p.m.
Wolf Pack: at Charlotte, Sunday, 1 p.m.; at Belleville, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Toronto, Friday, 7 p.m.
Red Sox: at Yankees, Sunday, 7 p.m.; at Tigers, Monday, 5 p.m.; at Tigers, Tuesday, 1 p.m.
Yankees: Red Sox, Sunday, 7 p.m.; Blue Jays, Monday, 7 p.m.; Blue Jays, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Mets: at Nationals, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.; at Phillies, Monday, 6:45 p.m.; at Phillies, Tuesday, 6:45 p.m.

TV/RADIO

AUTO RACING
3:30 p.m.: IndyCar Racing Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach. (Live) NBC
3:30 p.m.: Formula E-Round 5. (Same-day Tape) CBSSN
BASEBALL
12 p.m.: Georgia at South Carolina. (Live) SEC
1 p.m.: TCU at Texas. (Live) ESPN
1:30 p.m.: Texas Rangers at Toronto Blue Jays. (Live) SPRTNET
1:30 p.m.: New York Mets at Washington Nationals. (Live), FSI, SNY, Radio: 880.
2 p.m.: Florida State at Georgia Tech. (Live) ACC
7 p.m.: Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees. (Live), ESPN, Radio: 1080, 979.
7 p.m.: Sunday Night Baseball with Kay-Rod: Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees. (Live) ESPN2
BASKETBALL
3:30 p.m.: Indiana Pacers at Brooklyn Nets. (Live), ESPN, YES.
3:30 p.m.: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN
7 p.m.: Toronto Raptors at New York Knicks. (Live), MSG.
7 p.m.: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN
7 p.m.: Boston Celtics at Memphis Grizzlies. (Live), TNT, NBCSB.
9:30 p.m.: NBA Basketball (Live) TNT
3:30 a.m.: Teams TBA. (Same-day Tape) ESPN
BOWLING
12 p.m.: Playoffs: Round of 16. (Live) FSI
2 p.m.: Playoffs: Round of 16. (Live) FSI
EQUESTRIAN
4 p.m.: America's Day at the Races. (Live) FSI
GOLF
2 p.m.: 2022 Masters Tournament Final Round. (Live) CBS
HOCKEY
1:30 p.m.: Boston Bruins at Washington Capitals. (Live) TNT
4 p.m.: Cleveland Monsters at Chicago Wolves. (Live) NHL
4 p.m.: Nashville Predators at Pittsburgh Penguins. (Live) TNT
LACROSSE
1 p.m.: Bucknell at Lehigh. (Live) CBSSN
SOCCER
9 a.m.: Premier League Soccer Norwich City vs Burnley. (Live) USA
9:30 a.m.: Bundesliga Soccer Bochum vs Bayer 04 Leverkusen. (Live) SPRTNET
11 a.m.: Fútbol Premier League Manchester City vs Liverpool. (Live) TELE
11:30 a.m.: Premier League Soccer Manchester City vs Liverpool. (Live) USA
11:55 a.m.: Italian Serie B Soccer Perugia Calcio vs AC Pisa 1909. (Live) FSP
1:30 p.m.: MLS Soccer Atlanta United FC at Charlotte FC. (Live) ABC
7:30 p.m.: MLS Soccer Minnesota United FC at Austin FC. (Live) FSI
SOFTBALL
12 p.m.: Virginia Tech at Florida State. (Live) ACC
12:30 p.m.: Pennsylvania at Harvard. (Live) NESN
1:30 p.m.: Tennessee at Georgia. (Live) ESPN2
4 p.m.: Alabama at Florida. (Live) ESPN2
TENNIS
11 a.m.: WTA Tennis Charleston Open, Doubles Final. (Live) TENNIS
1:30 p.m.: WTA Tennis Charleston Open, Singles Final. (Live) TENNIS



Knicks forward Obi Toppin leaves the court after a game against the Wizards on Friday in Washington. NICK WASS/AP

KNICKS

Obi Toppin is forcing yet another Randle question

By Stefan Bondy
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — With each impressive outing from Obi Toppin, with each new career high in points or explosion of the crowd into ‘Obi’ chants, the question gets louder:
Can this happen with Julius Randle?
Through two seasons, it hasn’t. Coach Tom Thibodeau, who prioritizes tall centers for rim protection, has viewed Toppin and Randle as too much of a defensive liability as a front-court tandem. And with Randle averaging about 36 minutes since last season, Toppin has frequently occupied the bench.
But the teammates have discussed their potential as a duo.
“Me and Jules actually talked about it, we definitely feel in today’s game that’s a big thing, just because a lot of teams are playing small, lot of teams want to play fast, shoot threes, run the floor and just get out in transition,” Toppin said. “And I feel like when me and Jules are on the court, we’re defi-

nately playing a lot more faster. Either me or Jules can be in the paint or we can screen and roll. There are so many different things we can do when we’re on the court. We’ve definitely talked about it and hopefully we’re both back here next year and we can see that stuff.”
Thibodeau wasn’t as enthusiastic, again expressing hesitancy about playing smallball after Randle returns next season.
“I like having a component of being able to downsize,” the coach said. “But the thing is, we lose our defense, and so it’s gonna be hard because once you do that, you’re basically committing to outscoring somebody.”
Whether or not the double power forward lineup becomes a staple, it will be difficult to justify playing Toppin so sparingly in Year 3. He has surged to end this season while Randle rests, with Friday’s 114-92 victory over the Wizards as the latest example of the 24-year-old’s improved game and confidence.

He dropped a career-high 35 points off six 3-pointers and 14-of-22 shooting overall, elevating his last 10-game averages to 16.8 points on 57% shooting.
Last season, Toppin struggled to hit the rim on 3-pointers. Now he’s knocking them down with regularity.
“Before, I was thinking, ‘Don’t mess up,’ ” Toppin said. “Now I’m thinking, ‘Shoot first,’ and then go backside, dribble-handoff with guys and just playing with a different type of confidence now.”
Still, Toppin can’t help but to worry about getting pulled when he makes a mistake. It happened frequently when Randle was available, when Thibodeau had a quick hook for Toppin.
“I still look at the bench, I’m not going to lie,” Toppin said.
Lately, however, the subs aren’t coming. If Randle isn’t traded and returns next season, Toppin’s improvement will apply more pressure to get him on the court. And even Thibodeau seems more sold than ever.

Giants’ 2021 actions landed them in current cap crunch

By Pat Leonard
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — No NFL team should ever be in salary cap hell while picking in the top five of a draft.
Money is only supposed to run out on contenders who load up for Super Bowl runs, not on a 4-13 team tied for the league’s worst record since 2017 at 22-59.
But that’s where the Giants are, hamstrung in constructing their 2022 roster while other rebuilding teams like the Jaguars and Jets are free to spend away.
“If you’re that tight against the cap, usually you’ve either made a lot of mistakes or you’re among the better teams in the league,” former Eagles president Joe Banner (1995-2012) said in a phone interview this week. “It tells you they made a lot of changes in the front office for reasons that aren’t baseless.”
The Daily News spent the last two weeks asking executives, cap specialists and league sources in and around the Giants to explain the causes and severity of this predicament. The point is to understand how they created this dilemma so they can avoid doing it again.

And here is what happened in 2021, according to those sources:
1) The Giants overestimated their chances of winning and overspent in free agency
2) They kicked money down the road by making exceptions to their contract philosophies
3) They incurred more than double their typical cost of injured player money
4) They didn’t follow through on some options to offset those costs
5) And they restructured nine players to delay cap charges that are hitting them now
The cumulative effect was adding around \$15-to-20 million onto this year’s 2022 salary cap that Giants brass hadn’t originally planned for.
Kevin Abrams, now the Giants’ senior VP of football operations and strategy, was ultimately the final signoff on all contracts and finances that went to ownership. The buck stopped with Abrams, then the assistant GM.
GM Dave Gettleman and head coach Joe Judge had visions and voices on what the 2021 team could be and what length of commit-

ment the Giants needed to make to players. Ownership supported all of that.
New GM Joe Schoen is trying to show discipline now, with cuts and pay cuts and frugal spending. The idea is to weather short-term pain in order to yield long-term salary cap health.
“If you take a blind look at the Giants as their new GM,” said Jason Fitzgerald, founder of the leading NFL cap website OverTheCap.com, “you’re just getting through the 2022 season and getting ready to reset the roster in 2023.”
Multiple league sources say the most recent comparison to Schoen’s current strategy is how Houston GM Nick Caserio managed the 2021 Texans: by signing veterans to cost-effective, one-year contracts to simultaneously compete on the field and avoid long-term commitments.
Ten of Schoen’s 12 outside free agent signings since March 11 have been one-year contracts.
Brandon Beane and Schoen did something similar with the Buffalo Bills in 2017. The Giants’ 2022 season will be difficult, but Schoen is doing it in the interest of 2023 and beyond.

Athletic seek first USL Championship win of the season

Hartford Courant

The Hartford Athletic (0-2-1) are looking for their first USL Championship victory of the season as they travel to Alabama to face the Birmingham Legion FC on Sunday night.
The Athletic are coming off a 3-1 U.S. Open Cup victory on Thursday against Oyster Bay United FC of the United Premier Soccer League Premier Division. Athletic midfielder Luka Prpa assisted on

Joel Johnson’s opening goal and added a goal of his own in the match. On Sunday Hartford is need of an Eastern Conference win as the team currently sits in last place in its division. Athletic goalkeeper Austin Pack has allowed five goals in three USL Championship games and made six saves with a 1.67 goals against average.
After back-to-back scoreless performances against Colorado and Louisville, the Legion also earned a

U.S. Open Cup victory on Thursday, as Rosper Kasim, Bruno Lapa, and Marlon Santos scored three goals in a 15-minute span in a 3-1 win over Southern States SC.
Birmingham, just one spot ahead of Hartford in the Eastern Conference standings, made headlines this week, signing MLS veteran striker Juan Agudelo. His status for Sunday’s game is uncertain.
Here’s what else you need to know about Sunday’s game.

CELTICS

Plenty of playoff scenarios in East

By Adam Himmelsbach
Boston Globe

MEMPHIS — On March 27, with several teams crammed together near the top of the Eastern Conference playoff bracket and Kevin Durant, Kyrie Irving, and the Nets lurking near the bottom, Celtics coach Ime Udoka was asked whether he thought teams would try to set up preferred matchups.
“I think teams to some extent always try to control something if they can,” he said. “We’re more worried about health and playing the right way. Continue to do what we’re doing and see where the chips fall. But as far back as I’ve gone as a player and coach, teams have always tried to manipulate where they can and figure out what’s in their favor.”
But now, with just one day left in the regular season, the picture remains nearly as cloudy as it was two weeks ago. It has been all but impossible for teams to choose their slot, because there are simply too many moving parts elsewhere.
“We’re all aware of what’s going on,” Celtics guard Derrick White said. “I don’t think anybody can not be aware. But I think everybody’s just so close that you don’t really know ... We’ve got a big one here in Memphis. And wherever we’re at, we’re at.”
There is a bit more clarity than there was just a few days ago. The Heat have secured the No. 1 overall seed, the Raptors are locked into the No. 5 slot, and the Bulls will finish sixth. But there is still potential for shifts in the 2-4 spots, as well as play-in tournament seeding involving teams that



Celtics coach Ime Udoka confers with Derrick White in a game on March 20 in Denver. DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

finish 7-10.
The Celtics (51-30) enter Sunday’s finale against the Grizzlies tied for third in the Eastern Conference with the 76ers, but Boston holds the tiebreaker, so Philadelphia is essentially fourth. Both teams are one game behind the second-place Bucks.
The 76ers close the season with a road game against the Pistons, and the Bucks finish up by visiting the Cavaliers. The timing and the stakes present some interesting scenarios.
If the Bucks, Celtics, and 76ers all win or lose, of course, the seeding would remain unchanged and Boston would get the No. 3 spot and a first-round matchup against the Bulls. The same holds true if the Bucks and Celtics win, or if the Bucks win and the Celtics and 76ers lose.
But the Celtics would fall to No. 4 if they lose and the 76ers win, regardless of the result of the Bucks game. Boston could also move up to No. 2 if it wins and Milwaukee loses.

BRUINS 2, LIGHTNING 1 (OT) LATE FRIDAY

Coyle nets Bruins 2 points with OT goal

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Charlie Coyle scored 3:37 into overtime to give the Boston Bruins a 2-1 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning on Friday night.
Coyle picked up a loose puck to the right of Tampa Bay goalie Andrei Vasilevskiy, came out in front and scored on a quick wrist shot.
“Jake (DeBrusk) made a nice play to pop the puck loose,” Coyle said after scoring his 16th goal of the season. “It bounced right to me. Good on Jake to get it.”
DeBrusk scored the other goal for Boston, which got 28 saves from Linus Ullmark. The Bruins improved to 8-3-0 in their last 11 games.
“This was a goaltending battle,” Bruins coach Bruce

Cassidy said. “Tonight we were one goal better.”
Pierre-Edouard Bellemare had the only goal for Tampa Bay, which is 0-2-2 in its past four games and fell one point behind Boston in the race for third place in the Atlantic Division. Vasilevskiy finished with 36 saves.
Playing behind a contending team is something new for Ullmark, who signed a five-year contract with the Bruins last summer after spending pieces of six seasons playing for the Buffalo Sabres, who have not made the playoffs since 2011.
“It’s just fun to play these sorts of games,” he said. “We still have 11 (regular-season) games to go, and we have to focus on them and not get ahead of ourselves.”



Bruins celebrate center Charlie Coyle’s (13) game-winning overtime goal on Friday in Tampa, Fla. JASON BEHNKEN/AP

THE BASICS
Time: 5 p.m. ET
Venue: Protective Stadium, Birmingham, Alabama
Opponent: Birmingham Legion, 0-2-2, 13th place in Eastern Conference
TV: WCTX MyTV9
Livestream: ESPN+ or hartfordathletic.com/watch

SERIES HISTORY
This is the third meeting between the Athletic and the Legion. The last matchup was a 4-0 Hartford

victory on Oct. 9, 2019 with current Hartford captain Danny Barrera scoring a goal.
UP NEXT IN U.S. OPEN CUP
Hartford will host Major League Soccer’s New York Red Bulls in the third round of the U.S. Open Cup at Trinity Health Stadium. The match will be played April 20 at 7 p.m.
This will be the Athletic’s first official match against an MLS opponent.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
x-Boston	50	31	.617	—
x-Philadelphia	50	31	.617	—
x-Toronto	48	33	.593	2
Brooklyn	43	38	.531	7
New York	36	45	.444	14

SOUTHEAST				
	W	L	PCT	GB
z-Miami	53	28	.654	—
Atlanta	42	39	.519	11
Charlotte	42	39	.519	11
Washington	35	46	.432	18
Orlando	21	60	.259	32

CENTRAL				
	W	L	PCT	GB
y-Milwaukee	51	30	.630	—
x-Chicago	45	36	.556	6
Cleveland	43	38	.531	8
Indiana	25	56	.309	26
Detroit	23	58	.284	28

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
y-Memphis	56	25	.691	—
x-Dallas	51	30	.630	5
New Orleans	36	45	.444	20
San Antonio	34	46	.425	21½
Houston	20	61	.247	36

NORTHWEST				
	W	L	PCT	GB
x-Utah	48	33	.593	—
Denver	48	33	.593	—
Minnesota	46	35	.568	2
Portland	27	54	.333	21
Oklahoma City	24	57	.296	24

PACIFIC				
	W	L	PCT	GB
z-Phoenix	64	17	.790	—
x-Golden State	51	29	.638	12½
L.A. Clippers	40	40	.500	23½
L.A. Lakers	32	49	.395	32
Sacramento	29	51	.363	34½

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Philadelphia 133, Indiana 120
Memphis 141, New Orleans 114
Golden State at San Antonio, late
Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, late

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Atlanta at Houston, 3:30p.m.
Indiana at Brooklyn, 3:30p.m.
Milwaukee at Cleveland, 3:30p.m.
Washington at Charlotte, 3:30p.m.
Boston at Memphis, 7p.m.
Detroit at Philadelphia, 7p.m.
Miami at Orlando, 7p.m.
Toronto at New York, 7p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 8:30p.m.
Golden State at New Orleans, 9:30p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Denver, 9:30p.m.
Okla. City at L.A. Clippers, 9:30p.m.
Sacramento at Phoenix, 9:30p.m.
San Antonio at Dallas, 9:30p.m.
Utah at Portland, 9:30p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES
No games scheduled.

TUESDAY'S GAME
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 9:30p.m.
(Western Conference Play-in Round)

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
New York 114, Washington 92
Milwaukee 131, Detroit 101
Toronto 117, Houston 115
Brooklyn 118, Cleveland 107
Charlotte 133, Chicago 117
Miami 113, Atlanta 109
Dallas 128, Portland 78
Phoenix 111, Utah 105
L.A. Lakers 120, Oklahoma City 101

NBA INDIVIDUAL LEADERS									
Through Friday									
SCORING AVERAGE	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG				
Embiid, PHI	67	652	643	2038	30.4				
Antetokounmpo, MIL	67	689	553	2002	29.9				
Doncic, DAL	64	633	356	1821	28.5				
Young, ATL	75	701	496	2127	28.4				
DeRozan, CHI	76	774	520	2118	27.9				
Morant, MEM	56	573	311	1543	27.6				
Jokic, DEN	74	764	379	2004	27.1				
Tatum, BOS	75	697	397	2015	26.9				
Booker, PHO	68	662	315	1822	26.8				
Mitchell, UTA	67	617	267	1733	25.9				
Curry, GS	64	535	275	1630	25.5				
Towns, MIN	74	642	384	1818	24.6				
LaVine, CHI	67	565	320	1635	24.4				
Brown, BOS	65	568	241	1541	23.7				
Fox, SAC	59	516	261	1367	23.2				
Siakam, TOR	68	596	284	1451	22.8				
Garland, CLE	67	538	215	1462	21.8				
Edwards, MIN	71	546	218	1525	21.5				
Butler, MIA	57	398	396	1219	21.4				
Murray, SA	67	568	190	1421	21.2				
Herron, MIA	66	501	190	1367	20.7				
Bridges, CHA	79	593	265	1604	20.3				
VanVleet, TOR	65	442	194	1320	20.3				
Ball, CHA	74	530	210	1484	20.1				
Middleton, MIL	66	452	259	1325	20.1				
Randle, NY	72	512	303	1447	20.1				
Barrett, NY	70	487	290	1402	20.0				
Rozier, CHI	72	508	150	1383	19.2				
Holiday, MIL	66	478	137	1225	18.6				
Westbrook, LAL	78	548	266	1441	18.5				
Poole, GS	74	464	231	1365	18.4				
Trent, TOR	69	442	174	1266	18.3				
Bane, MEM	75	502	138	1366	18.2				
Bogdanovic, UTA	69	429	223	1248	18.1				
Russell, MIN	65	401	198	1176	18.1				
Valanciunas, NO	73	507	235	1306	17.9				
Wood, HOU	68	440	207	1218	17.9				
Vucevic, CHI	73	546	92	1288	17.6				
Cunningham, DET	64	429	142	1114	17.4				
Harris, PHI	71	482	169	1233	17.4				
Maxey, PHI	73	467	204	1268	17.4				
Simons, POR	57	353	103	988	17.3				
Ayton, HOU	58	442	106	997	17.2				
Wiggins, GS	72	470	146	1241	17.2				

3-PT FG PERCENTAGE				
Kennard, LAC	184	409	.450	
Maxey, PHI	130	299	.435	
Bane, MEM	224	519	.432	
Johnson, PHO	165	386	.427	
Ball, CHI	110	260	.423	
McDermott, SA	108	256	.422	
Haliburton, SAC	104	252	.413	
Pritchard, BOS	99	240	.413	
Williams, BOS	105	254	.413	
Gordon, HOU	124	301	.412	
Irving, BKN	96	233	.412	
Holiday, MIL	132	321	.411	

ODDS

MLB NATIONAL LEAGUE				
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	Line	
at Atlanta	-225	Cincinnati	+183	
N.Y. Mets	-131	at Wash.	+112	
at St. Louis	-221	Pittsburgh	+182	
at Chi. Cubs	off	Milwaukee	off	
LA Dodgers	-156	at Colorado	+132	
at San Fran.	-151	Miami	+131	
San Diego	-166	at Arizona	+140	
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
at Tampa Bay	-213	Baltimore	+177	
Chi. White Sox	-138	at Detroit	+118	
at Toronto	-245	Texas	+200	
at Minnesota	-138	Seattle	+118	
at Kansas City	-125	Cleveland	+105	
Houston	-112	at LA Angels	-104	
at NY Yankees	-139	Boston	+119	
INTERLEAGUE	at Philadelphia	-227	Oakland	+185

NBA FAVORITE				
LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG	Line	
at Houston	off	(off)	Atlanta	
at Charlotte	off	(off)	Washington	
at Brooklyn	off	(off)	Indiana	
at Cleveland	off	(off)	Milwaukee	
at Memphis	off	(off)	Boston	
at New York	off	(off)	Toronto	
at Philadelphia	off	(off)	Detroit	
at Orlando	off	(off)	Miami	
at Minnesota	off	(off)	Chicago	
at Denver	off	(off)	LA Lakers	
at Phoenix	off	(off)	Sacramento	
at Portland	off	(off)	Utah	
at Dallas	off	(off)	San Antonio	
at New Orleans	off	(off)	Golden State	
at LA Clippers	off	(off)	Okla. City	

NHL FAVORITE				
LINE	UNDERDOG	Line	off	
at Washington	off	(off)	Boston	
at Pittsburgh	-164	Nashville	+136	
at Minnesota	-170	Los Angeles	+140	
at Tampa Bay	-250	Buffalo	+385	
at Carolina	-465	Anaheim	+350	
Dallas	-176	at Chicago	+146	
Winnipeg	-210	at Ottawa	+172	

For the latest odds, go to FanDuel Sportsbook, <https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/>

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE										
ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
x-Florida	72	51	15	6	108	302	214			
Toronto	71	46	19	6	98	274	219			
Boston	71	45	21	5	95	225	191			
Tampa Bay	71	43	20	8	94	234	204			
Detroit	71	28	34	9	65	205	272			
Buffalo	73	26	36	11	63	203	259			
Ottawa	70	26	38	6	58	189	227			
Montreal	71	20	40	11	51	188	272			
METRO.	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
x-Carolina	72	46	18	8	100	238	173			
N.Y. Rangers	72	46	20	6	98	220	186			
Pittsburgh	73	41	22	10	92	240	203			
Washington	71	39	22	10	88	236	208			
N.Y. Islanders	70	33	28	9	75	194	190			
Columbus	72	33	33	6	72	230	269			
Philadelphia	71	23	37	11	57	185	251			
New Jersey	72	25	41	6	56	221	269			

WESTERN CONFERENCE										
CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
x-Colorado	71	51	14	6	108	273	197			
Minnesota	70	43	21	6	92	257	219			
St. Louis	71	41	20	10	92	258	206			
Nashville	71	41	26	4	86	234	207			
Dallas	71	40	27	4	84	208	213			
Winnipeg	72	33	28	11	77	222	227			
Chicago	71	24	36	11	59	188	249			
Arizona	71	22	44	5	49	178	259			
PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Calgary	71	43	19	9	95	249	177			
Edmonton	72	42	25	5	89	254	228			
Los Angeles	73	38	25	10	86	209	208			
Vegas	72	39	29	6	82	228	215			
Vancouver	72	34	28	10	78	208	204			
Anaheim	72	28	32	12	68	201	234			
San Jose	70	29	32	9	67	184	224			
Seattle	71	23	42	6	52	185	246			

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
New Jersey 3, Dallas 1
Washington 6, Pittsburgh 3
Florida 4, Nashville 1
Calgary at Seattle, late
Columbus at Detroit, late
Montreal at Toronto, late
Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, late
Anaheim at Philadelphia, late
N.Y. Islanders at St. Louis, late
Arizona at Vegas, late
Colorado at Edmonton, late
San Jose at Vancouver, late

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Boston at Washington, 1:30p.m.
Nashville at Pittsburgh, 4p.m.
Buffalo at Tampa Bay, 5p.m.
Los Angeles at Minnesota, 5p.m.
Anaheim at Carolina, 6p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 7p.m.
Winnipeg at Ottawa, 7:30p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES
Winnipeg at Montreal, 7p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
N.Y. Islanders 2, Carolina 1
Florida 4, Buffalo 3
Boston 2, Tampa Bay 1(OT)
Colorado 5, Winnipeg 4(OT)
St. Louis 4, Minnesota 3(OT)

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER						
EASTERN	W	L	TPTS	GF	GA	
Philadelphia	5	0	1	16	910	7
New York	3	2	1	10	10	6
Atlanta	3	1	1	10	9	8
Chicago	2	1	3	9	5	2
Columbus	2	2	2	8	1	7
Toronto FC	2	2	1	7	7	9
CF Montréal	2	3	1	7	11	15
D.C. United	2	3	0	6	5	5
Charlotte FC	2	4	0	6	6	9
Cincinnati	2	4	0	6	8	14
New York City FC	1	3	1	4	5	6
New England	1	4	1	4	8	12
Inter Miami CF	1	4	1	4	6	15
WESTERN	W	L	TPTS	GF	GA	
Los Angeles FC	4	0	1	13	13	4
Real Salt Lake	3	1	2	11	7	5
LA Galaxy	3	2	0	9	7	5
Austin FC	2	1	2	8	13	5
FC Dallas	2	1	2	8	7	3
Colorado	2	1	2	8	7	5
Houston	2	1	2	8	6	4
Minnesota United	2	1	2	8	5	4
Seattle	2	2	1	7	6	6
Nashville	2	2	1	7	4	5
Sporting KC	2	4	0	6	4	9
Portland	1	2	3	6	7	11
Vancouver	1	3	1	4	3	9
San Jose	0	3	2	2	6	11

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COMMENTARY

Interest growing, but can the WNBA keep pace?

By Gary Washburn
Boston Globe

Women's basketball is coming off one of the most-watched NCAA Tournaments in history, with South Carolina coasting to a win over UConn to give coach Dawn Staley her second national championship.

With the WNBA season beginning in May, the league's draft is Monday, eight days after the NCAA championship game. That means fans could watch their favorite prospect flourish in the tournament before being drafted. Or maybe not.

The WNBA draft is three rounds, with 12 players in each round. The league released the early-entry list of 108 players this past week — for a 36-player draft. And that does not count college seniors and international prospects.

There is no minor league or G League for women's basketball, so many of those early entries won't be drafted and will begin their careers overseas or as undrafted free agents. And while WNBA salaries have increased, it is not as financially feasible for women to leave school early as it is for men, who have the G League as an option if they want to remain in the United States.

The number of early-entry candidates is bloated this season because many players are bypassing the additional year of eligibility awarded them because of the abbreviated 2019-20 season.

"I totally understand players that felt like, 'Hey, I've done my time in college, don't necessarily want the extra year,'" ESPN analyst LaChina Robinson said. "But yeah, I think everyone wants to see the WNBA expand and for there to be more teams."

Commissioner Cathy Engelbert has said expansion is being considered. Until then, there will be 144 roster spots in the WNBA. That does not seem nearly enough given the boon of talent and interest in the sport.

"There's definitely a lot of talent overall in the women's game," Robinson said. "But I think before we even start having the conversation about expanding the league... I think roster spots are a value."

"These rookies having an opportunity to make a roster,



WNBA Commissioner Cathy Engelbert waves to the crowd before a playoff game on Sept. 30, 2021, in Las Vegas. **DAVID BECKER / AP**

come in and be developed, is the most important aspect of this because it's a huge jump from college to the WNBA."

And the failure rate for high WNBA picks is higher than their NBA counterparts. The Las Vegas Aces on Friday waived former Arkansas standout Destiny Slocum, who was selected 14th overall just a year ago.

"I tell people all the time they're two different games, in my opinion, because of the speed and the quickness," Robinson said. "You're playing against women who have been playing in foreign countries, internationally, against different styles, and have had to adapt and play multiple positions. So their games are just grown."

"So it's a big jump. ... The most important aspect of that is making sure they're ready and developed."

The WNBA needs to devise a system to develop prospects, perhaps those who may have entered the draft too early or may be a year or two from making a roster. Those players, if unable to make a roster, are relegated to go overseas.

Robinson suggested players stay in college for as long as they can.

"Something I often say is that the majority of college players can't spend enough time in college diversifying their games because when you get to the WNBA, it's just another level," she said. "So stay, work on those perimeter skills, if that's what it is, get stronger, do whatever you need to do

because it's incredibly hard to make a roster in this league."

Former UConn All-American and WNBA standout Rebecca Lobo said the league's financial issues have forced teams to reduce rosters, making it harder for prospects to succeed.

"We certainly would love to see the roster size expanded," Lobo said. "Only three teams are going to be at 12; the other nine will most likely be at 11. I covered a game last year where Washington had six healthy players for a game on television. We showed the layup lines at the beginning of the game because it was just so striking how few players they had."

"I think the next step for the league [is] maybe you add two roster spots for practice players that you can dip into when you get to that situation when you have injury. You have those players who continue to develop."

Lobo also pointed out that the uneasy situation in Eastern Europe, which has flourishing women's leagues, could make it more difficult for prospects to find teams.

"I think every general manager and coach, when it's not coming out of their own pocket and paycheck, would love to have a bigger roster," Washington Mystics coach Mike Thibault said. "I think that's a safe thing to say."

"But we don't write the checks. We don't have to balance the books."

Sun

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consider taking the best available position on the board.

"Is the best available player good enough to not take the number one position that you need? Or does the position supersede the best player on the board at that time? That's always the rub in the draft room."

Last season the Sun drafted three guards: DiJonai Carrington, Micaela Kelly and Aleah Goodman. Of the three only Carrington made the team, playing in 24 games, and remains on the 2022 roster.

Connecticut also finds itself in a unique position as Alyssa Thomas, a former all-star, continues to round back into form from the Achilles tear she suffered in 2021. She came back late last season, playing two games and averaging 5.5 points and 5.5 rebounds in 17.5 minutes.

As Thomas gets back to form, Miller has to factor that in.

"We try not to be prisoners of the moment," he said. "We try to stay focused on the biggest need long-term and balancing out the best available player on the board at that time."

Last season the Sun had six players that played significant

minutes: Jonquel Jones, Bonner, Brionna Jones, Briann January, Jasmine Thomas and Tishara Hiedeman. With Alyssa Thomas back, the rotation will expand. Hiedeman led the bench in scoring with 7.6 points and the Suns are hoping to gain scoring talent through the draft.

"In this draft, like most drafts, I am trying to create as competitive of a training camp as we can," Miller said. "The goal is to add to the spark of the bench and contribute to the core six that are either reigning all-stars or have been an all-star during their WNBA career."

Currently, ESPN's latest mock draft has the Sun selecting UConn's Christyn Williams in the first round. Williams could provide scoring punch for Connecticut after she averaged 14.2 points in her final season at UConn.

But Miller will evaluate more than just the talent of potential picks.

"I am in the mindset that championships are won in the locker room before they are won on the court," he said. "I believe in culture. I believe in drafting great people that represent the franchise on and off the court. I am really drawn to great teammates. I am really drawn to people that can contribute to what we believe is a really good culture in Connecticut. I am blessed with not only talented players but even better people."

"I like to coach players that will fight for the role they want, but be a champion in the role they earn."

But it's not easy to project how personalities will mesh.

"I haven't always got it right," Miller said. "We've made some mistakes. We didn't add players that contributed to the championship culture in the locker room or off the court. That's the challenge of the WNBA. We don't fly people into markets. There are no combines. There's no Wonderlic Test."

"We are speed-dating with these players in a very, very short window. You don't always get it right."

Ultimately, Miller knows a storyline this season will be on how the Sun hasn't won a championship. Still, he feels his team is ready to win it all and on Monday, nailing the draft picks may get them one step closer.

"I know the negative narrative," he said. "We've come up short. I know the narrative is, 'We've yet to win a championship.' We are hungry. We believe we are still in the window to compete for championships."

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GOLF THE MASTERS

Woods struggles, at 7-over for tournament

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Tiger Woods used to turn weekends at Augusta National into gripping theatre, relentlessly charging up the leaderboard one fearless drive, one feathery iron, one nervy putt at a time.

Not now. Maybe not ever again. The magic the five-time Masters champion summoned so easily for so long was nowhere to be found during another labored four-plus hour journey underneath the Georgia pines on Saturday. His 6-over 78 marked his worst in 93 career rounds at the tournament he has come to define and left him at 7-over.

The limp from his surgically repaired right leg growing more pronounced with each deliberate, cautious step, the 46-year-old slipped further down the leaderboard to end whatever chance — however unlikely — of being a factor come late Sunday afternoon.

There was no familiar charge in the early April chill. Just the reality that 14 months removed from a serious car accident that threatened to end his career, Woods can still play golf. He just can't do it — at least not at the moment — at the level needed to compete in a field consisting of younger players, many who grew up idolizing him but have long outgrown standing in awe of him.



Tiger Woods prepares to putt on the third green during the third round of the Masters on Saturday in Augusta, Ga. **JASON GETZ/AP**

Masters

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"You'd think I'd have figured it out somewhere along the line, but it just didn't happen," he said.

On such a cold day — the wind chill was in the upper 40s most of the day — perhaps this was a warmup for what Scheffler can expect on Sunday at Augusta National, typically the greatest theater of the majors, especially for those seeking their first major.

The last player who failed to hold a lead of three shots or more going into the final round was 21-year-old Rory McIlroy in 2011.

Scheffler looked as though he might turn this into a runaway when he made his fourth birdie of the round on the par-5 eighth and expanded his lead to six shots.

But then a shot from the front bunker on the par-3 12th went over the green. He bounced back with a birdie only to come up well short of the monstrous mound guarding the back right pin on the 14th for bogey, and three-putting the par-5 15th for another bogey.

Even after his best shot of the round, an approach to 4 feet for birdie on the 17th, he ran into big problems on the 18th. He yanked his tee shot into a canopy of trees and twisted branches, leaving him no choice but to take a penalty drop on the pine straw.

Bold as ever, he smashed his approach from 240 yards onto the green and just over the back, leaving him two putts to keep his distance.

"You hate bogeying the last hole, but the way I bogeyed it, it

Following a gritty back-nine push on Friday that helped him stay on the fringe of contention, Woods walked to the first tee Saturday two hours before the leaders. Looking to send a jolt through the gallery that stood five-deep in places hoping for a glimpse and a chance to roar, Woods instead spent most of the afternoon silently glaring at the hole or his putter — or both.

He three-putted the par-4 first from 54 feet for a bogey, a sign of things to come. On the par-4 fifth, he slung his club in disgust after his approach drifted to the right, far away from a back left hole location. His lag attempt from 60-feet over a ridge was well short. His 9-foot par putt rolled his 3-feet by and his comebacker for bogey hit the hole and bounced out. It was Woods' first four-putt at the Masters — ever.

Things never really got better. Three more three-putts followed on an afternoon where nothing really felt right. And it wasn't just his leg. It was his back. His hands. His posture. Everything.

Even worse, there seemed to be no way to compensate. He tinkered, the kind of searching usually reserved for the practice range, not in the middle of a major.

"As many putts as I had, you'd think I'd have figured it out somewhere along the line, but it just didn't happen," he said.

for sure felt like a par," Scheffler said. "Definitely a good finish to the day. I'm looking forward to tomorrow."

Scheffler was at 9-under 207.

Sunday will be the first time since a final pairing at a major featured players from the top 10 in the world since the 2015 PGA Championship with Jason Day and Jordan Spieth.

Scheffler and Smith might be the two hottest players in golf, too.

Scheffler has won three of his last five tournaments, all against some of the strongest fields of the year, a run that has elevated the 25-year-old from Dallas to No. 1 in the world.

Smith began the year by taking down the former No. 1 player, Jon Rahm, with a record score to par at Kapalua. His latest feat was to win the next best thing to a major, The Players Championship, last month.

"It just means I can get it done, I guess, when I'm up against the best guys in the world. It's a good feeling to have. It's earned. It's not given to you," Smith said. "So I'm going to have to go out there tomorrow and play really good golf again, probably similar to today. Hopefully, everything just falls into place."

Charl Schwartzel, who won the Masters in 2011, was trying to keep stride with Smith until he three-putted from about 8 feet for bogey on the 16th and dropped another shot on the 17th, slipping to a 73. He was at 2-under 214 along with Shane Lowry (73).

Justin Thomas (72) and Corey Connors (73) were the only other players under par.



Safety Tip of the Day

Windshield wipers are designed to be used when the windshield is wet. Operating them on a dry surface can cause the wipers to wear out much more quickly than they would normally.



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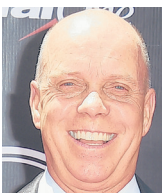
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SHORTS

Hamilton to cycle 444 miles for charity



Scott Hamilton is back in action. No, the figure skating icon won't be lacing up. He'll be sitting atop a bike and cycling 444 miles Erase the Trace, a five-day ride along the Natchez Trace Parkway. The fundraiser that goes through Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee is designed to raise \$1.25 million in funding for a breakthrough glioblastoma multiforme (GBM) cancer research grant to treat the most aggressive form of brain cancer. Inspired by the story of Scott Williams, who is a GBM patient and reached out to the 1984 Olympic champion's Scott Hamilton & Friends organization a year ago for help in fundraising. Not only did Hamilton put together a skating show to help in 2021, but he also rode the final portion of the initial Erase the Trace. Now, Hamilton will join Williams for the entire ride from May 2 to May 7. "Last year's Erase the Trace inspired me like no other event we have ever done," Hamilton said. "The hope, drive, and bravery of glioblastoma patient Scott Williams awakened a part of my heart that I hadn't realized needed awakening."

Perfect day for Tottenham in PL fight



It was a Premier League day that could hardly have gone any better for Tottenham. With its 4-0 win at Aston Villa — inspired by Son Heung-min's hat trick — and losses for both Arsenal and Manchester United on Saturday, Tottenham became favorite to claim the fourth and final Champions League qualification spot. Antonio Conte, pictured, and his team are hitting form just as its rivals are imploding and now has a three-point cushion in fourth place over Arsenal, which slumped 2-1 at home to Brighton for a third loss in its last four games. As for United, a 1-0 loss at an Everton team that had been in freefall constituted another low in what has turned into a desperate season. One, remarkably, that could yet end without qualification for European competition. United is in seventh place, six points behind Tottenham and with plenty of traffic between them. In Son, Harry Kane and Dejan Kulusevski, Tottenham has an attacking triumvirate that is proving impossible to keep down, and they scored and assisted all four goals against Villa.

Amateur jockey wins Grand National



Amateur jockey Sam Waley-Cohen had quite the retirement ride on Saturday. The 39-year-old Waley-Cohen marked his final race in the saddle by winning the world-famous Grand National horse race aboard a big outsider in 50-1 shot Noble Yeats. "It's a fairy tale, it's a fantasy," said Waley-Cohen, who runs a successful dentistry business and is a long-time friend of Prince William and Kate Middleton — even attending their wedding in 2011. In a dramatic end to a race run before a crowd of around 70,000 at Aintree, Noble Yeats reached the last of the 30 fences neck and neck with 15-2 favorite Any Second Now. Noble Yeats pulled away on the long run to the finishing line on the 4 mile, 514 yards (6.9 kilometers) course and won by about three lengths. Waley-Cohen was emotional as he returned to the winner's enclosure one final time in his 23-year racing career, to the backdrop of cheers from racegoers. He spoke of his pride at winning Britain's most storied horse race with the name of his late brother Thomas — who died of cancer in his 20s — on his saddle. "You couldn't make it up, could you?" he said. —AP



MASTERS COMMENTARY

Not over 'til it's over

Scheffler has a solid lead, but the back nine awaits

By **Tim Dahlberg**
Associated Press

Tiger Woods still held out a faint ray of hope as he peered into the future after his second round and reminded everyone that the old adage is true — the Masters really doesn't start until the back nine on Sunday. Unfortunately for Woods, his Masters chances ended on a Saturday when his putter went cold and he shot his worst score ever in a tournament he's won five times. Woods will tee off in the final round with no shot of winning, though just making an appearance this week might have been his biggest win of all. With Scottie Scheffler, the hottest player in golf, carrying a three-shot lead into the final round, the question now becomes this: Will the back nine even matter on Sunday? History suggests it will, largely because the ghosts of Masters past tend to always show up at the wrong time. The tournament is littered with guys who have failed on the final nine, with collapses so great some never really recovered. If Scheffler needed any reminder, he found it about the same time he found his Titleist buried deep under a tree on the 18th hole Saturday. What was a comfortable four-shot lead became three, just like that. It could have been even worse — should have been even worse — but Scheffler somehow found a way to make a bogey for a 1-under 71 that still left him in command.

It's a lead that could hold. It's a lead that should hold. At least until the back nine on Sunday, of course. Then all bets are off. Just ask Cameron Smith, the young Australian he'll be playing alongside who can't wait to get the match going. "I think the back nine tomorrow is obviously where the tournament will be decided," Smith said. "Typically, there's plenty of pins in bowls, and, yeah, you can give yourself plenty of looks if you're hitting it good." On the flip side, you can find plenty of trouble if you're not. Rory McIlroy kicked away a Masters he was leading in 2011 when he yanked his tee shot on No. 10 into the cabins left of the trees and made triple bogey. He went on to four-putt the 12th hole and shoot an 80 that still seems to haunt him after all these years. Jordan Spieth had a five-shot lead entering the back nine in 2016 and seemed on his way to a second straight green jacket before opening with consecutive bogeys and then hitting two balls into Rae's creek on his way to a quadruple bogey on No. 12 that opened the way for little known Englishman Danny Willett to win. Even Arnold Palmer wasn't exempt from back nine misery, making double bogey on the 18th hole to lose the lead and the tournament to Gary Player in 1961. And it doesn't take a golf historian to remember Greg Norman's epic meltdown in 1996 that was so bad he refused to talk about it for years. "I am a winner at life, I'm not a loser," Norman said afterward. "And I'll wake up tomorrow. Still breathing I hope." The magnitude of the Masters

sometimes overwhelms even the best. Thoughts wander to how winning the green jacket will feel, before the green jacket is won. And while Scheffler seems unflappable, he's never slept Saturday night with a Masters lead. "Probably the most nervous nights I've had and the most nervous rounds I've had are on leads," Justin Thomas said. What looked like a runaway for the world's No. 1 player most of the day Saturday became more of a two-man race when Smith shot the best round of the day, a 4-under 68, then waited to see how high of a mountain he still needed to climb. Scheffler responded with a good score of his own on a cold and windy day, but he won't go into Sunday with the same five-shot lead he began the weekend with. His plan for the evening at home before the biggest day of his 25-year-old life? Watching some old episodes of "The Office" with his wife, laughing a bit and having a good dinner. Nothing complicated, but so far it's worked. Scheffler won for the first time in Phoenix this year and has won twice since, giving him a three wins in just his last five starts. "Being in contention is what's fun, so being in the lead is fun," he said. "When I'm in the lead, I'm trying to stay in the lead and not really overthink things; just go out there and play golf." That might be good enough to give Scheffler the green jacket. It might be enough to make things easier as he stands on the tenth tee with all the history that surrounds it. Find out on the back nine, where the Masters really begins.

INDYCAR

Johnson set to race with broken hand

By **Jenna Fryer**
Associated Press

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Jimmie Johnson pulled one glove over the carbon fiber splint built specifically for his broken right hand. A piece of tape around two fingers outside of the glove was to prevent him from using his pinky — the digit closest to the fracture — as he drove his car around the downtown streets of Long Beach. But what was supposed to be a Saturday morning test to determine Johnson's fitness a day after he was injured ended in another crash, another trip to the medical center and another set of X-rays. "I had no pain on track, I felt great, just trying to go too fast into Turn 1 and locked the tires and got wide," Johnson said outside the medical center. "I'm more disappointed in myself making the mistake and tearing up the car again. But from an injury standpoint, I feel really good." Johnson said he's good to go for Sunday at Long Beach, the IndyCar stop considered his home race. He grew up two hours away in El Cajon, so Long Beach was an annual childhood family trip, and Johnson rented a suite for 40 friends to watch him make his second career IndyCar start at Long Beach. It's been a whirlwind weekend, though, for Johnson. He arrived in Long Beach coming off an IndyCar career-best sixth-place finish in his oval debut at Texas Motor Speedway — a performance that suddenly vaulted the seven-time NASCAR champion into the Indianapolis 500 contender conversation. Johnson himself was among those hyped for his Indy 500 debut in Friday morning comments; hours later, he crashed into a tire barrier and broke his hand. The injury was apparent immediately as Johnson's in-car camera showed him shaking his right hand. It had appeared that Johnson did not remove his hands from the steering wheel, a common practice in open wheel racing to protect the driver from the force of the impact. NASCAR drivers do not typically remove their hands from the steering wheel in a crash. But Johnson clarified Saturday he did remove his hands from the steering wheel but did not pull them back far enough to avoid injury. "I let go, I didn't get them far enough out of the way," Johnson said. "But I let go and then with the impact, I guess my hands moved into the pathway of the wheel spinning and the bottom of the wheel caught it." The X-rays taken Friday showed the break, and his Chip Ganassi Racing team was tasked with building a splint IndyCar would approve for use in the car. The small black piece was wrapped in tape alongside the ridge of his right hand and had to be approved by IndyCar safety pioneer Dr. Terry Trammell. It made for several tense hours as CGR and Johnson frantically worked to get him back in the car by Saturday morning. Ganassi sports car driver Sebastien Bourdais, a four-time IndyCar champion, would likely be Johnson's replacement if he can't race Sunday. "We went through all the right steps and then on-track, it just faded away in my mind and I was just driving laps," said Johnson, who arrived at the track at 6 a.m. Saturday to acclimate to the splint. Dr. Trammell is amazing. He knew exactly what to build, how to build it and where it needed to be positioned. Turns out, the man knows what he's doing." The X-ray on Saturday showed that the break had aligned overnight, and aside from some repairs to his No. 48 and Johnson forgiving himself for his second crash, he was ready to get back in the car. "I'm just upset with myself. I know where I need to get better in these cars and how to attack, and that's in the braking zones and releasing the brakes," he said. "I had a personal best lap the lap before and I was in that rhythm of releasing the brake and allowing the car to roll quicker at the apex. And when I did, I lost the back and had to catch it and ran into the tires. I hate making mistakes, and I've made two now (at Long Beach)."



Jimmie Johnson fractured his hand in a crash on Friday and was fitted with a carbon fiber splint that he tested in Saturday's practice. **JENNA FRYER/AP**

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	2	0	1.000	—	—	2-0	W-2	2-0	0-0
Tampa Bay	2	0	1.000	—	—	2-0	W-2	2-0	0-0
Toronto	2	0	1.000	—	—	2-0	W-2	2-0	0-0
Baltimore	0	2	.000	2	2	0-2	L-2	0-0	0-2
Boston	0	2	.000	2	2	0-2	L-2	0-0	0-2

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Kansas City	2	0	1.000	—	—	2-0	W-2	2-0	0-0
Chicago	1	1	.500	1	1	1-1	W-1	0-0	1-1
Detroit	1	1	.500	1	1	1-1	L-1	1-1	0-0
Cleveland	0	2	.000	2	2	0-2	L-2	0-0	0-2
Minnesota	0	2	.000	2	2	0-2	L-2	0-2	0-0

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	2	0	1.000	—	—	2-0	W-2	0-0	2-0
Seattle	2	0	1.000	—	—	2-0	W-2	0-0	2-0
Los Angeles	0	2	.000	2	2	0-2	L-2	0-2	0-0
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BOX SCORES

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Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG				
Mullins cf	4	0	0	0	2	.125				
Mountcastle 1b4	1	2	2	2	0	.375				
Santander lf	3	0	2	0	0	.500				
Mancini dh	4	0	1	0	1	.250				
Urias 3b	4	1	2	0	1	.375				
Hays rf	4	0	0	0	0	.000				
Odor 2b	4	0	0	0	2	.200				
Mateo ss	3	1	1	1	1	.333				
Chirinos c	3	0	0	0	2	.000				
a-Stewart ph	1	0	0	0	1	.000				
TOTALS	34	3	8	3	10					
Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG				
B.Lowe 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.000				
Franco ss	3	0	0	1	1	.429				
Choi 1b	3	0	1	0	2	.333				
Arozarena dh	4	0	1	0	0	.375				
J.Lowe lf	4	2	2	2	0	.500				
Mejia c	4	2	2	3	0	.333				
Kiermaier cf	3	1	1	0	0	.167				
Walls 3b	2	0	0	0	0	.000				
Phillips rf	3	0	1	1	1	.200				
TOTALS	29	5	8	5	5					

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Tampa Bay	032 000 00x	— 5 8 0
a-struck out for Chirinos in the 9th. E: Mateo (1). LOB: Baltimore 6, Tampa Bay 4. 2B: Urias (2), Mateo (1), Kiermaier (1). 3B: J.Lowe (1). HR: Mountcastle (1), off Rasmussen; Mejia (1), off Lyles. RBI: Mountcastle 2(2), Mateo (1), Mejia 3(4), Phillips (1), Franco (1). SB: Mateo (1). SF: Franco. Runners left in scoring position: Baltimore 2(Urias, Hays, Stewart); Tampa Bay 1(Choi). RISP: Baltimore 2for 8; Tampa Bay 1for 3. Runners moved up: Phillips. GIDP: Hays, Arozarena, B.Lowe, J.Lowe. DP: Baltimore 3(Odor, Mateo, Mountcastle); Urias, Odor, Mountcastle; Mateo, Mountcastle); Tampa Bay 1(Franco, Choi).		

BALTIMORE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lyles, L, 0-1	5	7	5	5	3	9.00	
Akin	3	1	0	0	0	0.00	
TAMPA BAY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rasmussen	4	3	2	2	1	3.450	
Fleming, W, 1-0	3½	3	0	0	0	5.000	
Feyereisen, H, 2-0	½	0	0	0	0	0.000	
Kittredge, S, 1-1	1	2	1	1	0	2.450	
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Cooper dh	4	0	1	0	2	.222				
Aguiar 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.111				
A.Garcia rf	4	0	0	0	3	.111				
Rojas ss	4	0	1	0	0	.250				
Anderson 3b	4	1	1	0	1	.200				
Stallings cf	4	0	1	1	3	.125				
Stallings c	4	0	0	0	2	.250				
Berti 2b	2	1	1	0	0	.500				
TOTALS	32	2	5	1	14					
San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG				
Yastrzemski rf	3	0	0	0	2	.000				
a-Slater ph-rf	1	0	0	0	1	.250				
Belt 1b	4	0	0	0	3	.250				
Rf dh	4	0	1	0	2	.286				
Pederson lf	4	0	1	0	1	.200				
Crawford ss	4	0	0	0	1	.000				
Flores 3b	4	0	1	0	1	.125				
Estrada 2b	2	1	1	0	1	.333				
Dugger cf	3	0	1	1	2	.143				
Bart c	3	0	0	0	0	.200				
TOTALS	31	5	1	5	14					

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San Francisco	000 010 000	— 1 5 2

a-struck out for Yastrzemski in the 8th.

E: Flores (2), Crawford (1). **LOB:** Miami 6, San Francisco 5. **2B:** Rojas (1), Anderson (1), Duggar (1), Flores (1). **RBI:** Sanchez (1), Duggar (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Miami 3(Sanchez, Cooper 2); San Francisco 2 (Yastrzemski, Bart). **RISP:** Miami 1for 7; San Francisco 0 for 3. **Runners moved up:** Stallings, Berti. **GIDP:** Stallings, Crawford. **DP:** Miami 1(Aguilar, Rojas, Aguiar); San Francisco 1(Crawford, Estrada, Belt).

MIAMI	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lopez	5	3	1	1	1	6.180	
Okert, W, 1-0	1½	0	0	0	0	4.000	
Sulser, H, 1	½	1	0	0	1	1.000	
Bleier, H, 1	1	0	0	0	1	5.400	
Bender, S, 1-2	1	1	0	0	0	4.500	
SAN FRANCISCO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rodon	5	3	1	1	2	12.180	
Broebbia	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	
McGee, L, 0-1	½	2	1	1	0	5.400	
Doval	1½	0	0	0	1	11.57	
Alvarez	1	0	0	0	1	0.000	

Inherited runners-scored: Doval 1-0.

WP: Rodon.

Umpires: Home, Lance Barrett; First, Ramon De Jesus; Second, Nick Mahrley; Third, Alfonso Marquez.

T: 2:57. **A:** 38,885(41,915).

THIS DATE IN BASEBALL: APRIL 10

1913: President Wilson threw out the first ball as the Senators edged the New York Yankees 2-1 in Washington's home opener. Walter Johnson allowed an unearned run in the first inning. He did not yield another run for 56 consecutive innings. **1947:** Jackie Robinson became the first black player of the 20th century to sign a major league contract. Robinson agreed a one-year deal with the Brooklyn Dodgers. **1959:** Chicago's Nellie Fox, who went 5-for-7, hit a 14th-inning opening day home run off Don Mossi to beat Detroit, 9-7. The White Sox second baseman did not homer in 623 at-bats the previous season. **1962:** The Houston Colt .45s, in the first major league game played in Texas, beat the Chicago Cubs 11-2 before 25,000. Roman Mejias led Houston's offense with two three-run homers. **1969:** Tommy Agee of the New York Mets hit a home run into the upper deck in Shea Stadium's left field. It was the longest home run to reach the seats in the history of the stadium. **1971:** The Phillies opened their new \$49.5 million

Veterans Stadium by beating Montreal 4-1. Philadelphia's Don Money hit the first home run. **1973:** The first game at Royals Stadium is played. John Mayberry hit a home run in Kansas City's 12-1 rout of Texas. A crowd of 39,476 attended the game at the state-of-the-art ballpark, which features water fountains beyond the outfield fence. **1976:** Don Money had a ninth-inning grand slam taken away. Money's slam gave the Milwaukee Brewers an apparent 10-9 win over the New York Yankees. The umpires, however, rule that New York first baseman Chris Chambliss had called time out before the pitch. Money returned to the plate and flied out to right and the Brewers suffered a 9-7 loss. **1982:** Under icy conditions, the Cleveland Indians opened the season at Municipal Stadium with an 8-3 loss to the Texas Rangers before 62,443 fans. Five hundred tons of snow had to be removed from the field; the game-time temperature was 38 degrees, with a wind chill of 17. **1989:** Toronto's Dave Stieb threw a one-hitter for an 8-0 win against the New York Yankees. It was the third

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	2	0	1.000	—	—	2-0	W-2	0-0	2-0
Philadelphia	2	0	1.000	—	—	2-0	W-2	2-0	0-0
Atlanta	1	1	.500	1	1	1-1	W-1	1-1	0-0
Miami	1	1	.500	1	1	1-1	W-1	0-0	1-1
Washington	0	2	.000	2	2	0-2	L-2	0-2	0-0

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Chicago	2	0	1.000	—	—	2-0	W-2	2-0	0-0
St. Louis	2	0	1.000	—	—	2-0	W-2	2-0	0-0
Cincinnati	1	1	.500	1	1	1-1	L-1	0-0	1-1
Milwaukee	0	2	.000	2	2	0-2	L-2	0-0	0-2
Pittsburgh	0	2	.000	2	2	0-2	L-2	0-0	0-2

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Los Angeles	1	0	1.000	—	—	1-0	W-1	0-0	1-0
Arizona	1	1	.500	½	1	1-1	L-1	1-1	0-0
San Diego	1	1	.500	½	1	1-1	W-1	0-0	1-1
San Francisco	1	1	.500	½	1	1-1	L-1	1-1	0-0
Colorado	0	1	.000	1	1 ½	0-1	L-1	0-1	0-0

TODAY'S PITCHING COMPARISON

NOTE: Only games with one or both pitchers designated are listed below

INTERLEAGUE	2022	2021 VS OPP	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L ERA	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
Oak Jefferies (R)	0-0 0.00	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-1 7.0 10.29
Phi Eflin (R)	1:05p 0-0 0.00	0-0 0.0 0.00	2-1 15.2 4.02

AMERICAN LEAGUE	2022	2021 VS OPP	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L ERA	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
Bal Wells (R)	0-0 0.00	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-0 0.0 0.00
TB Kluber (R)	1:10p 0-0 0.00	0-0 2-0 16.1 3.86	1-0 15.0 3.00

ChW Kopech (R)	0-0 0.00	0-0 0.0 3.0 3.00	1-0 11.0 1.64
Det Skubal (L)	1:10p 0-0 0.00	0-0 2-0 16.0 5.06	0-0 10.1 6.10
Tex TBD	0-0 0.00	0-0 0.0 0.0 0.00	0-0 0.0 0.00
Tor Ryu (L)	1:37p 0-0 0.00	0-0 1-1 14.0 1.29	1-2 11.1 7.94

Cle Quantrill (R)	0-0 0.00	0-0 3-0 20.2 3.05	3-0 19.1 1.86
KC Bubic (L)	2:10p 0-0 0.00	0-0 0.0 3.0 3.00	2-1 20.0 1.35
Sea Gonzales (L)	0-0 0.00	0-0 0.1 9.1 9.64	2-1 19.0 2.37
Min Ober (R)	2:10p 0-0 0.00	0-0 0.0 4.0 0.00	1-1 13.2 5.27

Hou Urquidy (R)	0-0 0.00	0-0 1-0 9.0 4.00	1-0 16.1 4.96
LAA Suarez (L)	4:07p 0-0 0.00	0-0 2-0 9.2 1.86	1-1 15.2 4.60
Bos Houck (R)	0-0 0.00	0-0 0-1 13.1 2.70	0-1 13.0 4.15
NY Yankees	0-0 0.00	0-0 0-2 27.1 3.29	1-1 13.1 6.08

NATIONAL LEAGUE		2022			2021 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS			
TEAM	PITCHER	TIME	W-L	ERA	TR	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
Cin	Greene (R)		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
Atl	Anderson (R)	1:35p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-1	6.0	4.50	2-0	18.2	3.38

MLB



Red Sox pitcher Tanner Houck reacts to a two-run home run by Rays Wander Franco on Oct. 11, 2021, in Boston. **CHARLES KRUPA/AP**

RED SOX NOTES

Houck zeros in on battle between hitters, pitchers

By Julian McWilliams
Boston Globe

NEW YORK — Tanner Houck didn't know what it was like to pitch up in the zone until he reached the minor leagues. Through his amateur days, Houck only pitched down and "east-west" — to the left and right side of the plate. But hitters' swing planes began to change. Players were getting paid to slug. Shifts were becoming more prevalent, and anything on the ground seemed to be an out. The easiest way for a hitter to reach base was to hit it over the shift.

So a pitcher expanding up with the four-seam fastball and down with the breaking stuff became a new niche. Houck pitches from a low three-quarters arm slot, which is better suited for pitchers who live east, west, and down in the zone. He had a wipeout slider. So, pitching up was an adjustment he had to make.

But now, you're starting to see pitchers attack hitters in the lower quadrants again.

"The game will dictate how it wants to be played," Houck said before Saturday's game. "And I'm excited to see where people go with kind of going east and west and pitching down in the zone."

Teams are putting more of an emphasis on putting the ball in play, eliminating some strikeouts, and running a bit more on the bases. That means shorter swings

accompanied by more two-strike approaches.

It's a shift, and it will likely change to something else before too long.

Manager Alex Cora believes that the change in how pitches attack hitters also has to do with the lack of sticky stuff following Major League Baseball's crack-down last season.

"I don't think the guys are able to spin the ball like they did before," Cora said. "And with that, they made adjustments throughout the season. Because if your fastball is not playing up, they're gonna hit it out of the ballpark."

Going to Garrett: Cora had no problem sending Garrett Whitlock out for a third inning of work in Friday's season opener. Whitlock cruised through 2 ½ innings before DJ LeMahieu tagged a game-tying homer in the bottom of the eighth of an eventual 6-5 loss.

The plan coming into this early part of the season was for Whitlock to piggyback Rich Hill, but Cora saw a window for the Red Sox to win and adjusted accordingly.

"I mean, it got to a point where he was so efficient," Cora said. "The plan was for him to go short [Friday] and pitch on Tuesday. But then you see what's going on and you're like, 'Well, why not?' You know, we can pitch him on Wednesday."

YANKEES NOTES

Boone: Team will 'probably' keep using PitchCom system

By Matthew Roberson
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Gerrit Cole and many of the Yankees' pitchers gave PitchCom a thumbs up.

PitchCom is the new technological advancement sweeping through Major League Baseball. The system, designed to improve pace of play and eliminate sign stealing, allows pitchers and catchers to communicate through wearable devices and transmit signals at the press of a button.

Cole said on Friday he liked the system, save for a few predictable snafus that come with trying out new technologies. The Yankees' manager also said he got mostly positive feedback from his pitchers who used it on Opening Day.

"I think we probably will (keep using it)," Aaron Boone said on Saturday. "We'll see how it unfolds. I'm sure we'll find some hiccups along the way. But I think we've transitioned to it pretty well and the guys seem to like it."

One problem pitchers faced on Friday was being unable to hear the communication when they had two strikes on a hitter, as the stadium's PA system blasts the two-strike siren that Aaron Judge pushed for last season. During his time on the mound, reliever Michael King had to step off the mound at one point because he couldn't make out what the device in his hat was telling him to throw.

"That's usually correctable on the fly," Boone said of the miscom-



The PitchCom system allows catchers to relay signs to pitchers using a series of buttons. Pitchers then hear the corresponding sign from a device positioned inside their hat. **CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP**

munication. "I don't think that's going to be a huge issue moving forward. Also, if the wrong button gets hit or whatever, you can just step off and shake, or the catcher can call time."

Happy Gleyber Day: Gleyber Torres was the noticeable absence in the Yankees' Opening Day lineup. Boone has been insistent, beginning on the Yankees' preseason workout day on Thursday, that Torres will not be chained to the bench for long periods of time, though.

Torres is getting his first start on Saturday, where he will bat seventh and play second base. DJ LeMahieu, who started at second on Friday, is at third base on Saturday afternoon with Josh Donaldson taking the designated hitter responsibilities.

Hicks okay, not starting: After fouling a ball off his foot on Friday, Aaron Hicks is feeling fine,

according to his manager. The outfielder who missed basically all of last season with injury is not in the lineup on Saturday, though. Aaron Judge will get his first look in center field, meaning Giancarlo Stanton also gets his first reps of the 2022 season in right field.

Hicks went 1-for-4 with three strikeouts on Friday, which was his first game since May 12 of last year. With the addition of Marwin Gonzalez during the offseason, the Yankees now have two switch hitters to bring off the bench when both guys are sitting.

Bullpen ready: The Yankees had to use seven relievers in their 11-inning marathon on Opening Day. Four of them (Loaisiga, King, Chad Green and Aroldis Chapman) went at least one full inning, with King taking two. But even with the weirdness of spring training and pitchers not getting into back-to-back games during that period, Boone says that's all out the window now that the games count.

When asked who might be available to work consecutive days on Saturday, there was no hesitation from the man making the bullpen calls.

"Most all of them," Boone said. "Obviously King will be down, and (Jonathan Loaisiga) I went four outs with, and two ups. So, I'd be a little reluctant to go there. We'll see how they're doing today, but I'd say all of them are probably in play."

Yankees

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right field. Stanton hit nine of 35 homers last year in 16 games as an outfielder.

"I can't tell you why I hit them when I'm playing outfield or DH," Stanton said. "It's just a different rhythm to the game. I got to be able to master both of them because I'm going to do both."

Alex Verdugo hit a two-run homer in a 31-pitch second inning off Severino, who returned late last season from Tommy John surgery. The 28-year-old All-Star right-hander, a 19-game winner in 2018, allowed five hits in three-plus innings, struck out five and walked none. He threw 65 pitches, including 35 four-seam fastballs that averaged 97.8 mph.

"It's been a long time, but I remember very well how it feels," Severino said. "I was just trying to feel relaxed."

Six relievers followed Severino with a hitless inning each.

Ron Marinaccio, a 26-year-old right-hander, stranded an inherited runner in the fourth in his major league debut. Lucas Luetge (1-0) pitched the sixth, and Aroldis Chapman worked around a throwing error by new shortstop Isiah Kiner-Falefa for his first save.



New York Yankees starting pitcher Luis Severino throws in the first inning against the Boston Red Sox on Saturday in New York. **JOHN MINCHILLO/AP**

Boston and went 0 for 10 with runners in scoring position and dropped to 0-2 for the second straight season. Last season the Red Sox opened with three straight losses at home to Baltimore, won nine in a row and held a share of first place in the AL East for 85 days.

Pivetta allowed four runs and four hits in 5 ½ innings.

"It's just my mistake right there," Pivetta said of the Stanton homer. "It just came out of my hand in a weird way and it was a hanger."

Rizzo homered after center

fielder Kiké Hernández made a leaping catch at the center field fence to rob Aaron Judge of an extra-base hit. Judge's drive would have been a home run in 21 ballparks.

Boone went to the mound because Severino left the Pitch Com signaling device in the dugout. An inning earlier, Severino appeared to experience trouble hearing the signs in the device during the at-bat to Vázquez. He had the cup his ears to hear the signal because of the two-strike siren blaring from the sound system.

METS

New-look lineup is exactly what was needed

By Deesha Thosar
New York Daily News

WASHINGTON — In years past, the Mets would require perfection from their pitchers to have a shot at beating their opponent. This season's lineup, however, offers minimal breathing room for opposing starters. In that way, Mets pitchers can afford to allow a couple of mistakes and know that their offense will still keep the team in the game.

That was what Max Scherzer experienced on Friday night, as he pushed himself to make his Mets debut despite being in pain with hamstring tightness. Scherzer, in his 15th season as a big-league starter and virtual lock for the Hall of Fame, knew how to pitch around his injury and still put up results. The results weren't perfect — he gave up three earned runs on three hits over six innings — but that was OK. The Mets offense picked him up.

"The rest of the team had big two-out hits," Scherzer said on Friday. "When you get a little breathing room, you get some run support like that, it allows you to be aggressive and attack the hitters."

The Mets' new-look offense is exactly what the doctor ordered. The lineup is deep. The hitters are gritty. Smart hitting and aggressive baserunning have been on display in the first two games of the year, featuring bunt singles against the shift (looking at you, Robinson Cano) and two-out, two-run singles (that's Starling Marte's immediate impact) with third-base coach Joey Cora boldly waving



Buck Showalter's Mets have a deep lineup. **ALEX BRANDON/AP**

runners home.

Yes, it's still early in the season. But last year, the Mets fired hitting coach Chili Davis as early as May 6, so it's not as if these initial games don't matter. The Mets' hot start should not be ignored, even if just for the simple fact we didn't see this type of offensive production last year. The 2022 Mets are refreshing to watch.

The Amazon's entered Saturday leading the majors in hits (25) and on-base percentage (.453). In their third game of the season, the Mets have the opportunity to do something they did only twice last season: record 10 or more hits in three straight games. In last year's hugely disappointing season, the Mets hit .204 with two outs and runners in scoring position, good for 28th in the league. In these first couple of games, we've already seen hitters take unselfish at-bats and capitalize with runners on base.

"We don't really have anybody that's going out there trying to hit the ball 500 feet," J.D. Davis, said. "Like Pete (Alonso), he'll let loose here and there. But we do a pretty good job of trying to get base hits and work at-bats. We've just been getting guys on base. Continuously putting pressure on the pitcher, making him throw more pitches. Seems like we almost have a guy on base every single inning. Just kind of making them bend until they break is kind of a goal that we have."

New Mets hitting coach Eric Chavez has emphasized a blend of both traditional, situational hitting and analytical approaches at the plate. He doesn't want hitters to be bogged down by statistics and information by the time they dig into the box. At least initially, it has led to a terrific offensive display because Mets hitters are buying into the approach.

METS 7, NATIONALS 3 LATE FRIDAY

Lindor hit by pitch overshadows Scherzer

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Mets star Francisco Lindor was face-down in the dirt near home plate, his helmet no longer atop his blue-dyed curly hair, his jaw smarting after being plunked — the fourth time a pitch struck a New York player in a span of 1 ½ games against the Washington Nationals.

He heard, then saw, teammates and coaches storming out of the dugout Friday night. Manager Buck Showalter was cursing and shouting and leading the way.

"I got hit. I was on the ground. I hear scuffles. I look up. My whole entire team is out there. Whole entire coaching staff is out there," Lindor said. "I could see the bullpen sprinting in. That says a lot."

That benches-clearing interruption after reliever Steve Cishek's pitch connected with Lindor's face overshadowed Max Scherzer's return to Nationals Park even as the three-time Cy Young Award winner pitched New York to a 7-3 victory over Washington.

On an evening that began with a 14-minute delay because the stadium lights weren't working and sputtered to an end with a 38-minute rain delay in the top of the ninth, Scherzer (1-0) allowed three runs and three hits in six innings in his debut for the Mets.

The right-hander was greeted by a standing ovation during his warmup tosses, then walked one, struck out six and gave up a two-run homer to former team-

mate Josh Bell that made it 3-all in the fourth. Scherzer — signed by New York to a \$130 million, three-year deal — knew it was gone immediately, spinning around on the mound as soon as Bell made contact.

Back in the second inning, one of Scherzer's pitches hit Bell. That followed three occasions during New York's 5-1 win on Thursday when a Mets batter was struck — James McCann was plunked twice, and Pete Alonso left with a bloody lip in the ninth.

"I think they understood our frustration," Showalter said about the umpires, who ejected Cishek and Nationals third base coach Gary DiSarcina on Friday.

"I don't really want to hear about 'intent,'" Showalter said, his arms crossed. "If you're throwing up in there, those things can happen. Max didn't have any trouble controlling the ball tonight." Crew chief Mark Carlson told a pool reporter that Cishek was tossed not for hitting Lindor but because he "continued to escalate the situation after the fact" by "coming in towards the melee, basically." Similarly, Carlson said, DiSarcina was punished for being "one of the aggressors and not helping de-escalate it." Lindor's X-ray came back negative and he cleared a concussion test. He had a red scratch near his chin and said he was cut inside his mouth and might have a cracked tooth. He expected to play Saturday.

WEATHER

SUNDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny, breezy and seasonal. Northwest wind at 10 to 15 mph.

HIGH 55°
LOW 36°

MONDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Morning sunshine mixing with afternoon clouds, pleasant.

HIGH 61°
LOW 45°

TUESDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Chance for an early shower, otherwise becoming partly sunny, breezy and milder.

HIGH 70°
LOW 46°

WEDNESDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Considerable cloudiness, chance for a shower late, mild.

HIGH 65°
LOW 49°

THURSDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Some sunshine, chance for a shower or thunderstorm late.

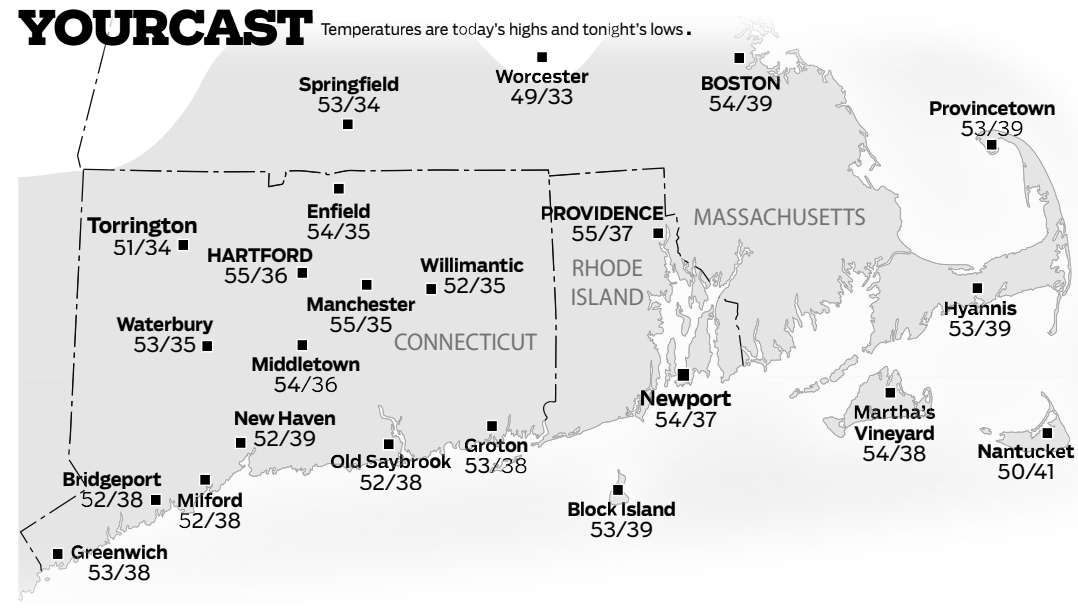
HIGH 68°
LOW 44°

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YOURCAST



OUTLOOK

High pressure will bring partly sunny skies on Sunday with highs in the 50s. It will be breezy with northwest winds at 10 to 15 mph and gusts up to 25 mph. The sky will become mostly clear overnight, then high pressure will bring mostly sunny skies on Monday, but some afternoon clouds will arrive. Temperatures will be milder with highs around 60 degrees. Tuesday will start off with clouds and perhaps a shower, then partly sunny skies will be developing with highs climbing through the 60s to near 70 degrees. Temperatures will remain quite comfortable on Wednesday and Thursday.

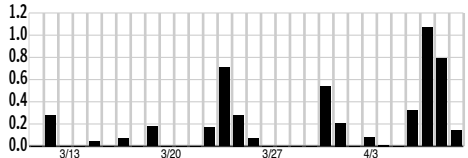
-Gary Lessor

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Precipitation In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.14	0.14
Month to date	2.62	1.12
Total this year	12.10	11.34
Snowfall In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 4 p.m.)	0.0	0.0
Total this year	31.5	51.2

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

30-day Precipitation History In Inches

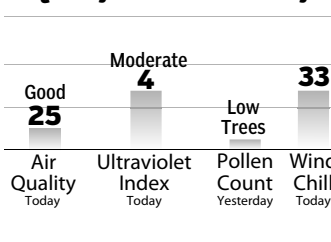


Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	5:33 a.m.	11:53 a.m.	50°
	5:58 p.m.		
Saybrook Jetty	6:44 a.m.	12:03 a.m.	47°
	7:09 p.m.	12:46 p.m.	
Connecticut River at Portland	9:27 a.m.	3:49 a.m.	
Madison	9:52 p.m.	4:32 p.m.	
	6:36 a.m.	12:16 a.m.	46°
	7:11 p.m.	12:55 p.m.	
New Haven	6:56 a.m.	12:40 a.m.	45°
	7:31 p.m.	1:19 p.m.	
Stamford	7:00 a.m.	12:54 a.m.	45°
	7:35 p.m.	1:33 p.m.	

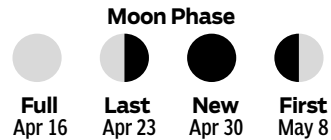
River Stage at Hartford: 13.60 feet at 5:30 p.m.

Boating	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B.I. Sound
Weather	PCLoudy	PCLoudy	PCLoudy
Wind	NW/W, 10-20	NW/W, 10-20	NW, 10-20
Seas	1 ft.	2-3 ft.	3-5 ft.

Air Quality Forecast For Today



	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	6:19 a.m.	6:18 a.m.
Sunset	7:25 p.m.	7:26 p.m.
Moonrise	12:46 a.m.	1:50 p.m.
Moonset	3:33 a.m.	4:08 a.m.



AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND Bangor 55 33 C Burlington 50 30 C Caribou 41 31 C Concord 55 29 C Montpelier 46 28 C Mt. Wash. 23 13 C Portland 58 34 PC Woods Hole 55 36 PC NATION Albany 52 29 C Albuquerque 73 46 PC Atlantic City 56 34 PC	Baltimore 57 39 PC Bismarck 58 26 C Boise 48 31 C Buffalo 44 33 PC Charleston 70 51 S Cincinnati 64 52 PC Cleveland 51 43 PC Indianapolis 62 52 PC Jacksonville 73 48 S Las Vegas 80 56 PC Miami Beach 74 69 S Milwaukee 54 44 PC San Diego 65 60 C	Nashville 74 55 PC New Orleans 75 63 S New York 55 40 PC Orlando 78 52 S Omaha 69 36 PC Orlando 78 52 S Pittsburgh 53 41 PC Raleigh 63 43 S St. Louis 71 54 PC Salt Lake City 50 37 PC San Antonio 88 67 PC San Diego 65 60 C	San Juan 88 75 PC Tucson 90 58 S WORLD Amsterdam 52 32 PC Athens 73 48 S Bangkok 97 77 T Barbados 85 77 PC Beijing 79 57 S Beirut 71 61 PC Berlin 46 32 SH Bermuda 69 60 PC	Budapest 55 36 PC Buenos Aires 81 66 T Cairo 89 59 PC Cancun 80 69 PC Dubai 100 77 PC Dublin 46 45 C Edinburgh 48 41 C Helsinki 43 30 PC Hong Kong 82 72 S Istanbul 68 43 C Jerusalem 73 59 PC Johannesburg 59 48 SH Singapore 93 73 T	Stockholm 47 29 PC Sydney 77 61 SH Tel Aviv 73 58 PC Tokyo 77 52 S Toronto 52 32 SF Vancouver 48 34 PC Warsaw 46 32 SH BASEBALL Quinnipiac at Marist (2), 11a.m. Dartmouth at Yale, noon Fairfield at Rider, noon St. John's at UConn, 1p.m. Hartford at Binghamton, 1p.m. LIU at Central, 1p.m. Sacred Heart at Wagner, 1p.m. SOFTBALL Creighton at UConn, 11a.m. St. Joseph at Emmanuel (2), 11a.m. UMBC at Hartford, noon Central at Wagner, noon Manhattan at Quinnipiac (2), noon Mount St. Mary's at Sacred Heart, noon Fairfield at Marist (2), noon Hamilton at Wesleyan, 12:30p.m. Yale at Columbia, 12:30p.m.
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LOCAL SCOREBOARD

FRIDAY'S LATE HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

GIRLS LACROSSE

NCCC
CANTON 12, SOMERS 6
Goals: C—Gabby DelSanto (7), Mary DeRitis (3), Ellie Bahre, Megan Haynes; S—Brooke Stevens (3), Palmer Oliveri (2), Caroline Colton. Saves: C—Ava Dakin, 8; S—Elena Riggins, 10. Rec.: C—3-0; S—0-2. Note: DeRitis also had 4assists.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

CCC-East
WETHERSFIELD 3, EAST HARTFORD 1
W: Evan Terry, 9kills, 9digs, John Lleshi, 8blocks, 7kills; EH: Chris Lomax, 7kills, 3aces. Rec.: W—1-1; EH—0-2.
Others
RIDGEFIELD 3, FARMINGTON 2 (25-21, 25-24, 18-25, 19-25, 15-11)
F: Garrett Legner, 3oassists, 2kills, 2 aces, Excel Adekola, 6blocks, 5kills. Rec.: R—2-0; F—1-3.

SATURDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BASEBALL

Others
BACON ACADEMY 9, MORGAN 2
BA 010-061-1—9-12-1
M 002-000-0—2-6-1
WP: Jack Novak. LP: Ethan Renuado. HR: BA—Novak (2). Rec.: BA—3-0; M—1-4. Note: Novak (2-0) had 10 strikeouts, 2walks over 6innings and had a 2-run and solo home run. Mason Pingree had his first varsity hit for Bacon in the 7th inning.
CONARD 9, NORWALK 3
HAND 3, ST. JOSEPH 1
FITCH 10, BERLIN 4
DARIEN AT CHESHIRE, PPD.
HALL AT STAPLES, PPD.

SOFTBALL

CCC-Inter
SOUTHINGTON AT MALONEY, CANCELED
SCC
LYMAN HALL AT WEST HAVEN, PPD.
Others
E.O. SMITH 8, WOODSTOCK ACADEMY 3 (6)
EOS 107-000—8-9-1
WA 010-020—3-4-1
WP: Ashley Lewis. LP: Lexi Thompson. HR: EOS—Zoey Pietras; WA—Sarah McArthur. Rec.: EOS—2-1; WA—0-3. Note: Lewis had 11strikeouts and Pietras had a 2-run homer. Game called after 6innings due to rain.
ST. PAUL AT FARMINGTON, PPD.
SOUTH WINDSOR AT ELLINGTON, PPD.

BOYS LACROSSE

CCC-Inter
CONARD 10, WETHERSFIELD 9
Others
XAVIER 10, EAST LYME 6
HALL 11, MASUK 4
WATERFORD 12, VALLEY REGIONAL 5
CHESHIRE 15, NEWTON 0
OLD LYME AT BACON ACADEMY, PPD.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Others
CHESHIRE 19, HALL 5
CANTON 13, OLD LYME 8
GLASTONBURY 10, BARLOW 4
OLD SAYBROOK 9, WATERFORD 8
SOUTHINGTON 10, POMPERAUG 4
ROCKVILLE 9, BRISTOL EASTERN 6

BOYS TENNIS

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LYMAN HALL AT WEST HAVEN, PPD.
MONDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE
ALL GAMES AT 3:45 P.M. UNLESS NOTED

BASEBALL

CCC-North: Rocky Hill at Hartford

Public/HMTCA (2), 11a.m.
CCC-South: Lewis Mills at Maloney; Middletown at Platt; Bristol Central at Plainville; Berlin at Bristol Eastern
CCC-East: RHAM at East Hartford, 1 p.m.; Enfield at Manchester; South Windsor at Tolland; East Catholic at E.O. Smith, 4p.m.
CCC-West: Northwest Catholic at Simsbury, 2p.m.; Farmington at Conard; Avon at Hall; Southington at Glastonbury, 4:45p.m.
NCCC: Stafford at Coventry; Canton at Windsor Locks, 4p.m.; Bolton at Ellington, 4p.m.; East Windsor at Granby, 4 p.m.; SMSA at Somers, 4p.m.; Suffield at Rockville, 4p.m.
Shoreline: Coginchaug at Old Saybrook, 4p.m.; Valley Regional at Cromwell, 4p.m.; North Branford at Morgan, 4p.m.; East Hampton at Haddam-Killingworth, 4p.m.; Hale-Ray at Westbrook, 4p.m.
CRAL: MLC at Innovation, 3:30p.m.
CTC: Wilcox Tech at Abbott Tech; Vinal Tech at Grasso Tech; Cheney Tech at Norwich Tech; Prince Tech at Ellis Tech; Goodwin Tech at Windham Tech, 4p.m.
SCC: North Haven at Sheehan
NVL: Kennedy at St. Paul, 5:15p.m.
Others: Canandaigua Academy (N.Y.) at Newington, 9a.m.; Xavier at Greenwich, 4:30p.m.; Windsor vs. Radnor (Pa.) at Davenport, Fla., 6p.m.

SOFTBALL

CCC-North: Newington at Bloomfield, noon; Hartford Public at Rocky Hill Windsor at Tolland; Coventry at Stafford, 4 p.m.; Ellington at Bolton, 4p.m.; Granby at East Windsor/SMSA, 4p.m.
Shoreline: Haddam-Killingworth at East Hampton, 4p.m.; Old Saybrook at Coginchaug, 4p.m.; Morgan at North Branford, 4p.m.; Cromwell at Valley Regional, 4p.m.
CTC: Grasso Tech at Vinal Tech; Windham Tech at Goodwin Tech; Abbott Tech at Wilcox Tech; Ellis Tech at Prince Tech, 4p.m.
SCC: Lyman Hall at Mercy; Sheehan at Law; Guilford at Cheshire, 4:15p.m.; Hand at East Haven, 4:15p.m.
NVL: St. Paul at Kennedy
Others: Somers at Hale-Ray, 4:30p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

CCC-Inter: Tolland at Farmington, 4p.m.
NCCC: Ellington at Canton, 2p.m.
SCC: Wilbur Cross at Lyman Hall; Sheehan at Hamden, 5p.m.; Shelton at Cheshire, 6p.m.; North Haven at Hand, 6p.m.
Others: Wolcott at Lewis Mills, 5:30p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

CCC-North: South Windsor at Hall, 4 p.m.
CCC-Central: RHAM at Rocky Hill, 4p.m.
CCC-South: E.O. Smith at Bristol Eastern; Enfield at Wethersfield, 4:30p.m.
CCC-Inter: Newington at Southington, 5p.m.
Shoreline: Old Lyme at Valley Regional
ECC: Bacon Academy at East Lyme, 7 p.m.
Others: Newtown at Conard, 4p.m.; St. Paul at East Catholic, 4p.m.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

CCC-West: Hall at Simsbury, 6p.m.
CCC-Inter: East Hartford at Southington, 6p.m.
SCC: Hand at Shelton, 4:30p.m.
Others: Farmington at Fairfield Warde, 4p.m.; Newington at Rockville, 5p.m.; Maloney at Putnam, 5p.m.; HMTCA at Norwich Tech, 5:30p.m.; Xavier at Wolcott Tech, 5:35p.m.; Barlow at Cheshire, 6p.m.

BOYS GOLF

NCCC: Bolton at Stafford, 3p.m.
Shoreline: Morgan at Coginchaug, 3 p.m.; East Hampton at North Branford, 3p.m.; Haddam-Killingworth at Old Saybrook
NVL: Naugatuck at St. Paul, 2:45p.m.
Others: Ellis Tech at E.O. Smith, 3p.m.

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

BOYS TENNIS

CCC-Inter: Bristol Central at East Catholic, 1p.m.; Northwest Catholic at RHAM; Southington at Manchester; Simsbury at Plainville; Avon at Bristol Eastern
NCCC: Granby at Rockville, 3p.m.
Shoreline: Morgan at Valley Regional; Coginchaug at Haddam-Killingworth; Westbrook at Old Lyme
SCC: Hand at Amity; Law at Sheehan; Xavier at Guilford; Cheshire at Fairfield Prep
Others: Wilcox Tech at Lyman Hall, 10 a.m.

GIRLS TENNIS

CCC-Inter: E.O. Smith at Platt; Maloney at Glastonbury; Rocky Hill at Berlin; Plainville at Bloomfield; Enfield at Southington
Shoreline: East Hampton at North Branford, 3:30p.m.; Valley Regional at Morgan; Old Lyme at Westbrook; Haddam-Killingworth at Coginchaug
CTC: Wilcox Tech at Norwich Tech; Prince Tech at Grasso Tech
SCC: Hand at North Haven; Lauralton Hall at Cheshire; Mercy at Law
NV: St. Paul at Kennedy

FRIDAY'S LATE COLLEGE RESULTS

BASEBALL

UConn 12, ST. JOHN'S 7

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

ELMS 17, ST. JOSEPH 12

SATURDAY'S COLLEGE RESULTS

BASEBALL

UConn 13, ST. JOHN'S 0
BINGHAMTON 9, HARTFORD 2
LIU 13, CENTRAL 10
TRINITY 16-4, BOWDOIN 6-2
ALBERTUS MAGNUS 7-6, ST. JOSEPH 0-1
YALE 11-1, COLUMBIA 9-3
MOUNT ST. MARY'S 8-6, SACRED HEART 0-5

SOFTBALL

UConn 7, CREIGHTON 3
HARTFORD 1, UMBC 0
WAGNER 1-8, CENTRAL 0-0
TRINITY 16-4, BOWDOIN 6-2
ALBERTUS MAGNUS 7-6, ST. JOSEPH 0-1
YALE 11-1, COLUMBIA 9-3
MOUNT ST. MARY'S 8-6, SACRED HEART 0-5

MEN'S LACROSSE

WESLEYAN 12, MIDDLEBURY 11
EASTERN 16, PLYMOUTH STATE 13
YALE 23, DARTMOUTH 6
QUINNIPAC 15, CANISUS 10
MERRIMACK 11, SACRED HEART 8
DREXEL 19, FAIRFIELD 18

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

DENVER 14, UConn 13 (OT)
SACRED HEART 13, CENTRAL 7
TRINITY 16, BOWDOIN 14
MIDDLEBURY 12, WESLEYAN 11
SOUTHERN MAINE 11, EASTERN 9
YALE 13, HARVARD 12
MANHATTAN 20, QUINNIPAC 15
SIENA 16, FAIRFIELD 11

MEN'S TENNIS

TRINITY AT BOWDOIN, LATE
TUFTS AT WESLEYAN, LATE

WOMEN'S TENNIS

GEORGETOWN 6, UConn 1
BOWDOIN 9, TRINITY 0
TUFTS AT WESLEYAN, LATE

SUNDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

Quinnipiac at Marist (2), 11a.m.
Dartmouth at Yale, noon
Fairfield at Rider, noon
St. John's at UConn, 1p.m.
Hartford at Binghamton, 1p.m.
LIU at Central, 1p.m.
Sacred Heart at Wagner, 1p.m.

SOFTBALL

Creighton at UConn, 11a.m.
St. Joseph at Emmanuel (2), 11a.m.
UMBC at Hartford, noon
Central at Wagner, noon
Manhattan at Quinnipiac (2), noon
Mount St. Mary's at Sacred Heart, noon
Fairfield at Marist (2), noon
Hamilton at Wesleyan, 12:30p.m.
Yale at Columbia, 12:30p.m.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Trinity at Bowdoin, 1p.m.

MEN'S TENNIS

Trinity at Colby, 2p.m.
Bates at Wesleyan, 2p.m.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Trinity at Colby, 10a.m.
Bates at Wesleyan, 10a.m.
UConn at Villanova, 11a.m.
Big East baseball standings
Team: CONF; CPCT; OVR; PCT
UConn: 2-0; 1.000; 23-7; .767
Creighton: 2-0; 1.000; 17-8; .680
Villanova: 3-2; .600; 11-15-1; .426
Xavier: 1-1; .500; 16-16; .500
Seton Hall: 1-1; .500; 7-22; .241
Georgetown: 2-3; .400; 19-12; .613
Butler: 0-2; .000; 14-17; .452
St. John's: 0-2; .000; 11-20; .355

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULTS

UConn 12, ST. JOHN'S 7
CREIGHTON 8, GEORGETOWN 5

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

UConn 13, ST. JOHN'S 0
XAVIER 4, SETON HALL 3
VILLANOVA 6, BUTLER 4
CREIGHTON 12, GEORGETOWN 1

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

Xavier at Seton Hall, noon
Butler at Villanova, noon
St. John's at UConn, 1p.m.
Georgetown at Creighton, 1p.m.
Big East softball standings
Team: CONF; CPCT; OVR; PCT
UConn: 12-2; .857; 23-13; .639
Butler: 9-4; .692; 21-13; .618
Providence: 8-4; .667; 21-11; .656
Villanova: 4-4; .500; 16-19; .457
DePaul: 5-6; .455; 16-18; .471
Seton Hall: 4-7; .364; 14-15; .483
Creighton: 4-8; .333; 14-16; .467
Georgetown: 2-5; .286; 12-17; .414
St. John's: 3-11; .214; 8-27; .229

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

UConn 7, CREIGHTON 3
BUTLER 3, ST. JOHN'S 2
STONY BROOK 3-1, PROVIDENCE 0-0
DEPAUL 8, SETON HALL 7
GEORGETOWN AT VILLANOVA, LATE

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

Creighton at UConn, 11a.m.
Butler at St. John's, 11a.m.
Georgetown at Villanova, noon
DePaul at Seton Hall, noon
Providence at Boston University, noon

HORSE RACING

Taiba wins at Santa Anita enters Kentucky Derby conversation

Associated Press

ARCADIA, Calif. — Taiba won the \$750,000 Santa Anita Derby by 2 ¼ lengths on Saturday on the last weekend of major prep races for the Kentucky Derby.

Ridden by Hall of Famer Mike Smith, Taiba overtook pacesetter Messier in the stretch and went on to win against the West Coast's top contenders for the first Saturday in May. Both colts are trained by Tim Yakteen, who took over recently for Bob Baffert, the six-time Kentucky Derby winner serving a 90-day suspension.

"Pretty exciting moment," Yakteen said in the winner's circle, his forehead sweaty under a

hot sun. "Overwhelmed is an understatement."

At Keeneland, Zandon rallied from the back of the field to overtake favorite Smile Happy in the stretch and win the \$1 million Blue Grass by 2 ½ lengths. He ran 1 ½ miles in 1:50.35 on the muddy-to-good track and paid \$6.20 to win.

At Aqueduct, Mo Donegal rallied to win the \$750,000 Wood Memorial by a neck.

In California, Taiba won just the second start of his career and his first in a stakes race, running 1 ½ miles in 1:48.67. Purchased for \$1.7 million, he's a son of 2017 Horse of the Year Gun Runner. He paid \$10.60, \$3.60 and \$3.20 at 4-1 odds.

REGIONAL DIGEST

Yard Goats rebound from opening loss with 13-2 win over Binghamton

Top prospect Ezequiel Tovar had two hits, including his first home run, and two RBI, and Aaron Schunk had a home run and three RBI as the Hartford Yard Goats pounded out 14 hits in defeating the Binghamton Rumble Ponies 13-2 to even the season-opening Eastern League series on Saturday at Dunkin' Donuts Park.

Nick Bush started for Hartford and went five innings for the win, allowing no runs on six hits while striking out eight. Brenton Doyle and Daniel Cape each had two RBI for Hartford (1-1), which blew the game open early with an eight-run third inning. The teams close out the three-game series on Sunday at 1:05 p.m.

For the fourth straight game the UConn baseball team reached double digits in runs scored in rolling to

a 13-0 win over St. John's on Saturday in a Big East Conference game at Elliot Ballpark in Storrs.

UConn offense continues rolling: Pat Gallagher pitched a complete game in improving to 5-2 on the season. He scattered four hits and struck out seven. Meanwhile the Huskies (23-7, 2-0) have now won four straight and outscored opponents 60-14 in that stretch.

Erik Stock had four hits for UConn, including an inside-the-park home run, and three RBI, and Dana Casey had three hits, two runs scored and an RBI to lead the

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Yellow can be neutral, pastel or fully saturated, depending on your tastes, which allows for it to be incorporated into many different looks. COURTESY PHOTOS



Yellow might not be the main hue in your textiles, but it can still be a powerful addition to your space when enhanced with throw pillows, vases and even artwork.



Many patterned fabrics feature hints of yellow that can be brought out into a space.

Celebrate BOLD YELLOW

With springtime in bloom, incorporate this daring color into your home decor

By Katie Laughridge
Tribune News Service

I find that few things can cause controversy in our social media pictures quite like using strong colors, which is understandable. Colors are intrinsically linked to our feelings, emotions and memories, so it is natural to be passionate about them.

However, I tend to think the sometimes wary and adverse reactions to using powerful hues comes from a place of uncertainty on how to adapt and incorporate these shades into a stunning and simple home atmosphere. Colors, even the boldest of them, are nothing to be afraid of!

With springtime about to bloom, I am inspired to start incorporating daring colors that have been dormant throughout the last few months.

While blue and green are colors I shall forever adore and use to adorn my spaces, my eyes have been wandering over to the warmer side of things, with visions of sunny days and warm breezes bringing yellow to the forefront of my mind.

Warm colors like yellow are a fantastic way to turn up the heat and add —



A statement chair is a good spot for a pop of color and energy.

you guessed it — warmth to your home. You can mix and match classic yellows into your home decor in many ways without overpowering your existing aesthetic.

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Benches, ottomans provide form and function

By Cathy Hobbs
Tribune News Service

Looking for a way to add both form and function to a space? Consider a bench or ottoman.

Not only do these smaller scale furniture pieces provide functionality, in many cases they can be the best fit and furniture solution in size and scale.

Need ideas on the best way to incorporate benches and ottomans into your home? Here are some top

tips!

5 things to do with benches and ottomans

1. Do consider ottomans in entry areas. They can serve as an alternative to a case good such as a console while still helping to convey a point of entry.

2. Do use benches or ottomans as additional seating in social areas such as living and family rooms.

3. Do use benches and ottomans as a way to infuse color and texture into a

room.

4. Do use ottomans and benches in areas in which small-scale furniture selections are appropriate.

5. Do use benches and ottomans to make a design statement.

5 things not to do with benches and ottomans

1. Don't ignore opportunities to use benches and ottomans as a finishing touch in a space such as at the foot of a bed.

2. Don't use ottomans

and benches in overly large rooms. They may appear too small in large spaces.

3. Don't use ottomans and benches in ways that don't provide function. Avoid using them in a purely decorative way.

4. Don't ignore opportunities to use benches and ottomans in unexpected ways such as a coffee table.

5. Don't forget that ottomans and benches are modular and versatile and can be used in pairs or groupings if needed.



A small ottoman provides both a pop of color and additional seating in this family room. COURTESY/TNS

REAL ESTATE MATTERS

Calculating taxes on sale of commercial property

By Ilyce Glink and Samuel J. Tamkin
Tribune Content Agency

Q: My wife and I owned a commercial building that housed our family business for many years. We inherited the building when my mother died 14 years ago. We retired last year and sold the building. We do not have a large income and need to save as much as possible. We have a few questions about the tax bill we're facing. What are the current IRS laws regarding capital gains taxes? How much tax do you pay on the sale of commercial property and how do we calculate those taxes? We would also like to know how we can save money on taxes. Do we have to pay capital gains taxes if we have a low income? Are capital gains taxes even affected by income?

A: We appreciate that you are looking for ways to save on capital gains tax, but the time to think about all of this was before you sold the property. Now, it may be too late to do anything that will meaningfully affect the tax you owe.

But let's walk through how commercial or investment real estate is viewed by the Internal Revenue Service.

First, when you sell commercial or investment real estate, there are different sorts of taxes that may be owed on the property. Depending on how long the owners have held the property, they will pay federal income tax (if the property has been held for less than a year) or long-term capital gains tax, for property that has been owned for at least a year, plus other taxes we'll list below. When it comes to an inheritance, you inherit property at a stepped-up valuation. You mentioned that you inherited this commercial property from your mother.



When you sell commercial or investment real estate, there are different sorts of taxes that may be owed on the property. **DREAMSTIME**

Whatever was the value of the property on or about the date your mother died became the value of the property for IRS purposes. So, your profits (or losses) will be calculated against this new property basis.

Also, if you have depreciated the property on your tax return, you will need to pay back the depreciation at a rate of 25%.

Your starting point is the date you took ownership of the building. When your mom died, you start by determining the value of the building at or around that time. Sometimes you might have an appraisal if you took out a mortgage shortly after your mom died or you might have other documentation that might show the value of the

building.

Once you determine that value, you then figure out what money you put into the building that the IRS would permit you to use to increase the basis of the property. In simplistic terms, the IRS uses the word basis to mean your cost for the building. When you put on a new roof or addition, the IRS allows you to add that to your basis. The IRS website has publications and information that can help you figure out what is allowable.

At this point, you'd have the value of the building plus all those improvements that added to your basis. Then over the years you would have run the building and should have

taken a tax benefit on your income tax return for the building's depreciation.

You need to figure out how much depreciation you took on your tax returns over the years. The IRS will require you to repay 25% of the depreciation. Here's an example of how this works: If you took depreciation of \$100,000 over the years, you'd now owe the IRS \$25,000.

Next, you have to calculate any profit on the sale of the building. Let's assume the basis for the building is \$300,000 and you sold the building for \$500,000. In this example, you'd have long term capital gains of \$200,000. The current long-term capital gains tax rate ranges from 0% to 20%. According to IRS.gov,

if you're filing for 2021 (by April 18), married couples filing jointly won't pay any capital gains tax if their total taxable income is \$80,800 or less. The rate jumps to 15% on capital gains, if their income is \$80,801-\$501,600. If your income is above that, you'd pay 20% of the gain, or in our example \$40,000 in long-term capital gains tax.

Assuming you fall into the 20% bracket, between the two taxes, you'd end up paying about \$65,000 plus an additional tax of 3.8% on the sale of investment property.

What could you have done to avoid owing any tax today? You could have used a 1031 exchange and purchased a replacement commercial building (or

another like-kind investment) that cost the same or more than the property you sold. Perhaps this new investment would have generated income but not the potential tax liability.

IRS Topic No. 409 Capital Gains and Losses provides additional information on capital gains and losses. And please consult with your tax preparer to determine your true tax liability based on the actual basis and sales price of the property, your total income for last year, and any other relevant issues.

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Weatherstripping your windows is an easy way to save energy. **DREAMSTIME**

HOME REMEDIES

Tips on going green in 2022

By Paul F. P. Pogue
Ask Angi

Whether you're thinking about a full-scale remodel or just basic maintenance, make 2022 the year you go green for good.

When you're wrapped up in the excitement of flashier changes like picking out paint colors and flooring, it's easy to not want to dive deep into the VOC rating of that gallon of paint you just bought or find out if that new hardwood is from ethically sourced materials.

But the truth is, just like that perfect shade of greige, going green can greatly improve your everyday life at home. Renewable resources and alternative energy are part and parcel of an entire approach to your home that can increase your comfort, lower your energy bills, and protect the environment all at once.

Sustainable living isn't just about the energy sources and materials you use — you can incorporate these elements into every aspect of home improvement. Here are seven tips for incorporating Earth-friendly strategies into your home decisions:

1. Don't overlook simple energy-saving steps: Go through your home and identify points where you're leaking air. Door and window edges are common culprits. Weatherstripping, caulking and minimizing leaks can increase your home's energy efficiency at a minimal cost.

2. Repurpose what you have: Be mindful of what you're using when you renovate, and look for ways to upcycle or repurpose what you already own. For example, do you really need new cabinets, or will refacing them get the results you want while using fewer materials?

3. Put a premium on lifespan: When it's time to replace things, think about the next replacement down the road. The longer a material or appliance lasts, the longer it takes before it reaches the landfill, which lowers your project's potential negative environmental impact. A metal roof, for instance, will last longer than almost any other material.

4. Go for lower flow: Your water fixtures make a big difference. For instance, nearly a third of your water usage comes from toilet

flushing. Install low-flow faucets, showers and toilets to bring down your water consumption — and your bill.

5. Pick alternative materials: With many home services, you can specifically request eco-friendly materials. For example, household cleaning solutions can use plant-based cleaning supplies that gently break down stains. Look for the EPA Safer Choice logo when shopping for your own goods.

6. Protect the south side of your house: The south side of your home gets the most direct and harsh sunlight. Heavy drapes and high-efficiency windows can help deal with this extra load. Planting trees and large shrubs in that area will also help create a shady oasis.

7. Plan for green replacements: Sooner or later, you'll be making big-ticket purchases such as new heating, roofing or appliances. Start planning now for renewable options when you make these bigger investments. You probably won't install a geothermal HVAC system on a whim, but you might do so if you're replacing your system anyway.

TREASURES

Artist's name on Japanese piece could increase value

By Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson
Tribune News Service

Q: We need some help trying to find out what we have. This bird was in my father's family, and we have a photograph of it in my grandfather's house. The photograph was from the 1920s so we think this piece is more than 100 years old. Both the tree and the bird are cast bronze. We have not been able to find any manufacturer's name on it. Can you help us?

A: Thank you for putting a 12-inch ruler next to the piece. This measuring device seems to indicate the piece is 16 to 18 inches tall.

The size would make the sculpture somewhat imposing, with its realistic depiction of a menacing bird of prey — possibly some sort of hawk — perched on a tree branch looking like it is about to thrust out its wings, launch into the air and grab its next meal.

It would be important to know who the artist was who conceived the image and then had it cast in bronze. We are sure the artist was Japanese and equally sure the piece was made during the so-called Meiji period, which lasted from 1868 to 1912.

Japanese sculpture has its origins in ancient times. Before the mid-19th century, Japanese sculpture typically featured Buddhist and Shinto themes and was greatly influenced by Chinese art. When Japan opened its doors to Western trade and contact, many Japanese bronze sculptors became influenced by European art, specifically in this case the artists known as "animaliers."

The term was first applied derisively to the work of Antoine-Louis Barye in 1831, but many



This bronze bird is intimidating but beautiful. **COURTESY**

other artists such as Isidore and Rosa Bonheur, Pierre-Jules Mene and Emile-Coriolan Guillemin were noted for their small scale, naturalist depictions of various animals.

Japanese artists working in the late 19th and early 20th centuries also worked in this vein, producing realistic images of animals taken from Japanese folklore and the environment.

One can find depictions of everything from lions and tigers to peacocks, mice, cranes, eagles, fish, quail, elephants, roosters, songbirds, wild boar, cats, rhinoceros beetles and, yes, hawks. Many are signed by the artists, but many others are not. Look for several Asian characters worked into the metal that may be hard to find.

Sometimes the characters can be well hidden, but sometimes they are written within a cartouche.

Finding the characters and obtaining a translation into English would potentially reveal the artist's name and could greatly enhance the value.

It is impossible to give an accurate estimate of the value of the piece without being absolutely sure whether or not it is signed. But if it is not, we feel the piece would probably sell in the \$1,000 to \$2,000 range at auction.

Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson have written a number of books on antiques. Do you have an item you'd like to know more about? Contact them at Joe Rosson, 2504 Seymour Ave., Knoxville, TN 37917, or email them at treasures@knology.net. If you'd like your question to be considered for their column, include a high-resolution photo of the subject, which must be in focus, with your inquiry.

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK: 49 Belknap Road, West Hartford

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49 Belknap Road, West Hartford

By James Alexander

Asked to describe this home at 49 Belknap Road in West Hartford, Realtor Lori Meyerson, who is handling the sale, did not hesitate. “It’s a beautiful home in a fabulous location,” she said.

The West Hartford neighborhood in which this home is located is a standout. The street is lined with carefully maintained classic colonials, Elizabeth Park is just a block away, and buses to transport children to one of West Hartford’s highly acclaimed schools stop nearby along the street.

“We’ve loved living here,” said Eddie Binder, who has owned the house with his wife Kathy for the last 22 years. “It is a classic center-hall colonial.”

That is a quick summation of this spacious and inviting home. It is a classic colonial from the last century, but it has been thoughtfully and carefully updated for convenience and comfort, with the Binders demonstrating that the home is well suited to modern lifestyles.



A prime example is the formal dining room. Located just to the left of the front entry, this room features a decorative shiplap treatment below the chair rail, crown molding, and two built-in corner cupboards with glass doors that are ideal for displaying fine china or other family treasures. The Binders, however, have repurposed this room to serve as a comfortable den that flows effortlessly to the large eat-in kitchen. As is the case throughout the house, the trim and wood floors are original and carefully maintained, meaning that the next owners could easily return this room to its formal dining function.



As for the kitchen, it is large, bright and airy. Granite counters provide ample space for meal preparation while the original cabinetry offers flexible storage options. The upper cabinets along one wall have doors with glass inserts, ideal for more displays. Under these cabinets is another granite counter with a smaller second sink. “This sink is great for little children to wash their hands because it is lower,” said Kathy Binder.



Other highlights in the kitchen include a tiled floor that has been upgraded to include radiant heat. The Binder’s grown daughter has drawn an illustration suggesting that this floor is best appreciated by people who have gone shoeless. All the stainless steel kitchen appliances, including a substantial Viking stove, are included in the sale.



A short walk from the kitchen, past the half bath that serves the first floor, takes a visitor to the large living room that flows from the front to the rear of the home. Generously sized windows ensure a flood of daylight, even on a partially overcast day. The room is large enough to accommodate seating for a gathering of family and friends with space left over for formal dining, which is how the Binders have set up the room. A beautiful fireplace serves as a focal point while French doors at one end lead to a four-season sunroom that is currently used as a home office. To give an idea of the space available, “We’ve set up the living room for dining for 25 guests,” Eddie Binder said.

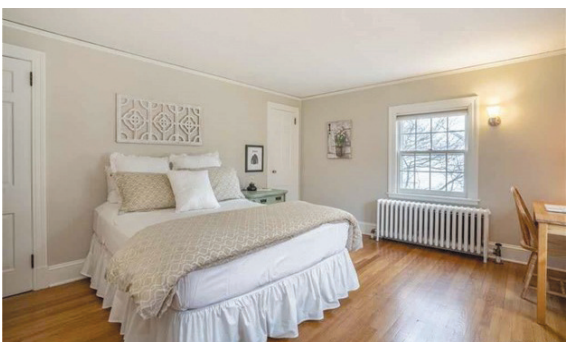
The open stairway in the front hall leads to the second floor and four of the home’s five bedrooms. Each is in a corner bedroom with windows on two sides. This would be ideal for summertime cross ventilation when the home was built, but is probably less of an issue today as three years ago the Binders added central air conditioning. However, these windows still do wonders when it comes to gathering natural light.



The primary bedroom suite is roomy, has a walk-in closet and a private full bath with a shower. Another tiled full bath with a tub serves the second floor’s other three bedrooms, one of which has dual closets. The upstairs hall also accesses back stairs to the kitchen area.

The third floor features one more fully finished bedroom and another full bath. “We’ve had guests who have loved this space,” Eddie Binder said of this bedroom. It is roomy, comfortable and private. The third floor also accesses a generous attic storage area.

The basement is large and dry. It currently serves several functions, including providing space for



informal gatherings. It also houses the home’s laundry and mechanical systems, which include a Weil McLain boiler, and two storage rooms.

The yard is large and level with signs of ample attention having been paid to landscaping. On a tour Eddie Binder pointed to laurels “...that will flower beautifully in the spring. The daffodils have also started to come out, but the recent cold weather has probably confused them,” he said.

The yard has a patio, which has served nicely for large outdoor parties, space for an in-ground pool if the next owners wish to add this feature, and an electronic pet boundary. Seven-zone irrigation keeps the area properly watered during the summer.



“The [two-car] garage right now is at the back of the house. If somebody wanted to add a family room back there, they could put the garage on the [east] side,” Meyerson said. To which Kathy Binder added, “We’ve done plans to move the garage to that side of the house and connect it to the kitchen with a breezeway.”

Looking around at the original and carefully maintained details, Kathy added, “Do you know what I love about this house? We’ve used every space. There aren’t any wasted rooms. And we love it. We hope somebody else will love it, too.”

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

49 Belknap Road, West Hartford

Built: 1929

Price: \$699,900

Style: Colonial

Rooms: 9

Bedrooms: 5

Baths: 3 full, 1 half

Square footage: 3,047

Acreage: 0.55

Mill rate: 42.42

Best feature: The flow of the house is perfect for entertaining and working from home, thanks to rooms that make ideal home offices.

Contact: Lori Meyerson, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices New England, 860-983-4792, LM@bhhsne.com

GLASTONBURY

Picture Perfect Cape~Stylishly Updated~Situated in a quiet neighborhood close to Glastonbury Center & Route 2. Move right into this well maintained home boasting newer windows, hardwood floors, central air & neutral decor. The light filled main floor flows beautifully from room to room for gracious entertaining. Come make this your dream home. 252 Cavan Ln, Glastonbury, CT 06033. MLS# 170472346. The Diane Barry Team (Diane Barry 860.614.1569 | dbarry@williampitt.com and Caitlyn Cleary 860.798.1589 | ccleary@williampitt.com). \$330,000.



BURLINGTON

From the hills of Tuscany through the valley of Napa to the mountaintop of Johnnycake Mt Rd lies this pastoral villa. One of the finest properties in the area, this hilltop Tuscan inspired villa is positioned among lush rolling hills, emerald meadows, and a private pond. Kissed by the sunset the property transports you to the idyllic vineyards of Italy. The expansive property is a 6,000 square foot, 12 room villa harmoniously blending classic and modern elements. 176 Johnnycake Mountain Rd, Burlington, CT 06013. MLS# 170410732. Cathy McCahill 860-480-6760 | cmccahill@williampitt.com. \$1,457,000.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

ANSONIA

4 Upland Ter, Stanton, Lee A and Stanton, Janice M to Matthews, Marcia and Mckenzie, Eroll A, 3/23, \$290,000
6-8 Addison St, Almeida, Nuno to 6-8 Addison Street LLC, 3/22, \$385,000
7 Arbor Ter, Cabrera, Linette to Romanowski, Richard P, 3/21, \$365,000
8 Finney St Ext, Hart, Barbara J to Anastasia, Courtney and Anastasia, Daniel, 3/21, \$270,000
22 Crowley St, Sanmartin, Cristian to Palmer, Melissa A, 3/23, \$314,000
22 Francis St, Dibra LLC to Mckay, Youkeo, 3/22, \$329,000
42 Holbrook St, Williams, Ricardo to Dennis, Decado D and Walker, Nada N, 3/21, \$360,000
46 Francis St, Barna, Mary to Johnson, Shaden N, 3/22, \$375,000
70 Dwight St, Costanzo, James L to Williams, Bruce, 3/22, \$280,000
89 Clarkson St, Halkovic, Christine to Madrid, Maria L, 3/24, \$225,000
93 High St, Paradise Properties LLC to Oconnell, Patrick and Oconnell, Doreen, 3/21, \$370,000

ASHFORD

Frontage Rd, Ballard, Michelle and Curry, Katherine to Nichols, Bryan, 3/21, \$35,000
15 Hnath Rd, Weidig, Vickie L and Weidig, Randall A to Hatstat, Alicia M and Jacques, John M, 3/25, \$430,000

AVON

5 Wildflower Ter Lot 5, Berti, Michael R to Levandowski, Karen and Levandowski, Stephen, 3/24, \$420,000
9 Gray Pine Cmn Lot 9, Srinivasan, Srividya to GPS 2 Realty LLC, 3/22, \$245,400
11 Cricket Ln, Pregnotato, Robert V and Pregnotato, Tara to Thompson, Tyler and Thompson, Fernanda M, 3/22, \$530,000
27 Cambridge King, Baweja, Manpreet to Skowronek 3rd, Edmund J and Mahler, Shira L, 3/25, \$880,000
30 Pioneer Dr, Rosetti Development LLC to Bonelli, Alexandra, 3/24, \$200,000
136 Juniper Dr, Peterson, Peter L and Peterson, Mark A to Diamond Homes LLC, 3/24, \$285,000

BARKHAMSTED

13 Old County Rd, John C Almori Sr RET and Almori Sr, John C to Sullivan, Deolinda, 3/21, \$245,000
97 Taylor Rd, Cloud, Richard J and Cloud, Deborah to Towers, Adam L and Towers, Danamarie K, 3/23, \$439,000
250 Center Hill Rd, St Onge, Robert L to Morales, Lillyana, 3/21, \$430,000

BEACON FALLS

15 Starwood Ln, Araujo, Mathieu and Araujo, Elise to Sroka, Nicole S, 3/24, \$360,000
148 Highland Ave, Decampas, Edgar and Decampas, Charlene to Bries, Brian, 3/22, \$270,000

BETHEL

3 Sand Hill Rd, Donnelly, Kyleann to Ek Real Estate Fund I LLC, 3/21, \$375,000
13 Druid Ln Lot 13, CT 2 LP to Sharon Sklar RET and Sklar, Sharon, 3/23, \$501,072
144 Nashville Rd, Kroot, Nicholas H and Kroot, Laura M to Jones, Christopher and Jones, Sarah, 3/18, \$725,000

BETHLEHEM

228 Main St N, Harrison Karen E Est and Harrison, Steven J to Macchiaroli, Kristy D and Macchiaroli, Drew A, 3/22, \$389,000

BLOOMFIELD

Eggleston St, Lindsay, Millicent A to Amer Intl Relocation Solns, 3/21, \$220,000
12 Lynn Cir, Warren, Leonard T and Pabon, Jessica to Tracey, Chantal, 3/24, \$340,000
40 Wesleyan Ter, Samuels, Shawn to Smith, Tracy, 3/24, \$275,000
61 W Eggleston St, Pennsylvania State Of to Rosado, Sheyla, 3/21, \$220,000
69 Kenwood Cir, Maria F Lemos T and Lemos, Maria F to Johnson, Shanigue S, 3/22, \$369,000
281 Tunxis Ave, Woodward, Kathy L to Aronow, Max, 3/22, \$340,000

BOZRAH

7 Rachel Dr, Adelman Family LP to DJ Commercial Real Estate LLC, 3/24, \$180,000

BRANFORD

3 Lanphier Rd, Bannon, Kathleen M to Lowe, Roberta and Lowe, Lawrence, 3/25, \$410,000
13-29 Leetes Island Rd, MNS Realty LLC to Branford MHP LLC, 3/23, \$3,100,000
22 Marshall Rd, Smith, Harold and Smith, Rebecca to Weinbach, Caroline A and Goldberg, Jason, 3/23, \$385,000
71 Todds Hill Rd, F Vigliotti Const Co LLC to Ryan, Shawn M and Ryan, Rachael L, 3/21, \$505,987
172 Laurel Hill Rd, Mauro, Ralph to Dangelo, Matthew M and Dangelo, Alyssa J, 3/21, \$1,000,000
511 Plymouth Colony Lot 511, Martino, Harriet H to Sullivan, Brad T, 3/25, \$204,000

BRIDGEPORT

Garfield Ave, Teixeira, Jose to Silveira, Charles P, 3/22, \$365,000
Lindley St, Alvarez, Jorge G to Guilme, Jean and Guilme, Sharon, 3/23, \$377,000
Old Town Rd, Doepper, Christopher and Gerber, Marc to Haves Development Corp, 3/22, \$330,000
S Frontage Rd, Connecticut State Of to RRM& 2 Realty LLC, 3/22, \$50,000
Success Vlg, Success Vlg Apt Inc to Moonesing, Bissessar A, 3/21, \$19,000
23 Roxbury Ln Lot 23, Cully, Charlene to Veneruso, Guy and Veneruso, Rebecca, 3/23, \$100,000
26 Overland Ave, Tra, Bichngoe T to Pham, Michael and Pham, Linda Q, 3/17, \$190,000
27-29 Horace St, Petifa, Dumajeant to Louis, Manuela, 3/23, \$245,000
40 Platt Pl, Riviere, Marie and Jazon, Serge to Carbalaj, Suanny E, 3/18, \$340,000
55 Locust St, Madrid, Marcos to Ramirez, Jose G, 3/21, \$360,000
57 Lance Cir Lot 57, Rodriguez, Ana P to Pereira, Silene T, 3/21, \$228,000
64-66 Lee Ave, 64-66 Lee Ave LLC to Lee, Dewayne, 3/17, \$285,000
114-116 Denver Ave, Carrasquillo, Luis to George, Johnnie, 3/22, \$300,000
115 Wall St, Pijura, James M to Pizarro, Daniel, 3/22, \$600,000
115-117 Caroline St, Dolma, Penpa to Ingram, Hakeem, 3/21, \$280,000
117 Colony St, JCW Capital LLC to Davila, Giselle E, 3/22, \$222,000
121-123 Denver Ave, Datz, Gabor to Morales, Angelica M, 3/23, \$315,000
122 Burnsford Ave, PHM Mortgage Co to Sikka, Shalu, 3/23, \$237,500
126 Horace St, Lawrence, Andrea A to Kaye, Helena and Kaye, Nathan, 3/21, \$285,000
130 Deramo Pl, Rollins, Vincent R and Bank Of New York Mellon to Bank Of New York Mellon, 3/17, \$250,000
150 Beachview Ave Lot 286, West, Eric P to Stavnes, Lindsay M, 3/21, \$230,000
157-159 Garfield Ave, Mancuso, Joshua N to Tenesaca Jr, Angel D and Troya, Jennifer E, 3/21, \$365,000
175 Kennedy Dr Lot 175, Kennppenn LLC to Francois, Karen E, 3/22, \$180,000
191-193 Dupont Pl, Sarnelle, Anthony and Marcellin, Jessica to ARCS LLC, 3/23, \$265,000
249-251 Frank St, Pratt, Hiran and Baldwin, Ivera to Avila, Cristian, 3/22, \$330,000
265 Glendale Ave Lot E8, Farrison, Harold C and Farrison, Jacqueline to Quarries, Valerie, 3/21, \$150,000
266 Colorado Ave, Ob Christy LLC to Davis, Lloyd E, 3/21, \$420,000
271 Pennsylvania Ave Lot 271, Harrold, Mary A and Harrold, Edward J to Southport Acquisition LLC, 3/23, \$90,000
363 Granfield Ave Lot D, Bartusiak, Zofia to Achee, Carole M, 3/22, \$28,500
376 Remington St, JCW Real Estate LLC to Thomas, Carolyn E, 3/22, \$180,000
378 Park Ave, Ursini, Ernest to Bath, Guvinn

der, 3/21, \$380,000
592-594 Courtland Ave, Donohue, Kevin to Mccarthy, Martin, 3/22, \$461,000
689 W Jackson Ave, Bui, Hoa to Nguyen, Thomas, 3/23, \$187,500
690 Queen St, Pires, Andre to Reyes, Yorin, 3/18, \$275,000
693 Central Ave, Skiba, Darryl to Asquith, Jevaughn, 3/17, \$242,000
695 Shelton St, Woods, Doug to Riverstone Dev LLC, 3/17, \$22,500
728 Park St, King, Jorge K to Estele Viola LLC, 3/21, \$460,000
731 Wood Ave, Spencer Carmen R Est and Kohut, Cathy S to Zhang, Xinxiao, 3/21, \$292,000
759 Connecticut Ave, Williams, Clordy C and Bridgeport Wilmot Apt to Perfect Threading Spa LLC, 3/21, \$27,000
792-794 Capitol Ave, Dorestil, Enive P to 792 Capitol Ave LLC, 3/21, \$499,000
805 Ruth St, Vogel, Gilda to Vasquez, Betsie, 3/21, \$270,000
992 Chopsey Hill Rd, Perkins, Dean to Lunarejo, Manuel, 3/18, \$265,000
1253 Reservior Ave, Goncalves, Ailton Z to Ohakam, C and Ohakam, Faith, 3/23, \$399,000
1264-1266 E Main St, Jean Jr, Seraphin to Arias, Jose T, 3/17, \$308,000
1738 Stratford Ave, Torres, Kalet to 1738 Stratford Ave LLC, 3/21, \$330,000
2206-2208 Fairfield Ave, Ford, Lucila O to Mack, Jamika, 3/17, \$605,500
2445 Madison Ave, Carey, Timothy E and Carey, Julie to Seeley, Brett A and Seeley, Kayla, 3/22, \$285,000
2600 Park Ave Lot 5X, Margoles, Christine A to Brgport Condo Assn, 3/21, \$105,000
2600 Park Ave Lot 7G, Tavella, Kathleen to Brgport Condo Assn, 3/21, \$85,000
2600 Park Ave Lot 10E, Carley, Ross D to Brgport Condo Assn, 3/21, \$160,000
2612 North Ave Lot G2, Caprio, Gail M to Philip, Patricia, 3/22, \$275,000
2625 Park Ave Lot TG, New Cencury LLC to Tobar, Sergio A and Aivarado, Neil A, 3/21, \$125,000
3250 Fairfield Ave Lot 111, Lohja, Astrit to Harger, Ryan N and Dagata, Christina M, 3/17, \$280,000

BRIDGEWATER

190 Blueberry Hill Rd, Hansen, Matthew B to Burtische, John R, 3/21, \$76,000

BRISTOL

13 Earl St, Maurice, Trina C to Pro Karma Investments&St, 3/22, \$130,000
16 Dudley St, Maurice, Trina C to Pro Karma Investments&St, 3/22, \$135,000
21 Merriman St, Stamatopoulos, James G to Steinfeldt, Brockton, 3/22, \$255,000
33 Linwood St, Frac, Edward J to Moore, Mark A, 3/25, \$27,450
50 Weigert Way, Trademark Acquisitions to Santaguida, Jennifer, 3/24, \$369,900
52 Morris Ave, Michaels, Suzanne M to Mejr Financial Consulting, 3/21, \$142,000
58 Center St, Maynard, Timothy J to Mason, Donald E, 3/21, \$200,000
72 Prospect St, Maurice, Trina C to Pro Karma Investments&St, 3/22, \$160,000
77 Overlook Ave, Carroll, Meagn and Carroll, Benjamin to Ayala, Andrew, 3/22, \$295,000
95 Muir Ave, Folino, Raymond R to Machado, Melissa and Wolf Jr, Kenneth B, 3/21, \$225,000
97 Garfield Rd, Naples, Kaitlyn M to Maciejko, Joyce, 3/23, \$225,000
122-126 High St, CBNH LLC to T Real Estate LLC, 3/24, \$235,000
199 Riverside Ave, Disabled American Veteran to 199 Riverside LLC, 3/22, \$175,000
206 Blakeslee St Lot 7, Audet, Scott J to Lane, Brendan T, 3/21, \$111,000
217 Jacobs St, Burrell, John A and Burrell, Kelly M to Perch Rock Management LLC, 3/22, \$200,000
257 Newell Ave, Poirier, Jeffrey to Montanez, Yaritza and Morales, Carlos, 3/21, \$250,000
286 Matthews St, CT Home Investors LLC to Amofa, Betty O and Amofa, Albert, 3/25, \$342,750
354 Tyler Way, Ligi, Scott and Ligi, Jennifer E to Rosario-Reynoso, Jose J and Reynoso, Mirhonda R, 3/25, \$390,000
365 Allentown Rd Lot 3, Lepage Homes Inc to Getchell, Robert W and Getchell, Antionette S, 3/21, \$275,000
492 Jerome Ave, US Bank NA Tr to Mccarthy, Catherine, 3/23, \$133,900
565 Clark St Lot 82, Doepeke, Nita to Lutz, Malcolm, 3/24, \$115,000
1221 Stafford Ave, Vasquez, Elbanellie to Rivera, Joseph, 3/24, \$215,000
1469 Farmington Ave Lot 4, Dimauro, Andrew to Rezaizadeh, Rasoul and Khora-sanchian, Hoorieh, 3/23, \$151,000

BROOKFIELD

3 Great Heron Ln Lot 3, Landis, Sheila L to Dimartini Jr, Robert A, 3/24, \$457,500
7 Bonny Rd, Coletti, Joseph C and Coletti, Mary J to Winter, Charles, 3/21, \$650,000
7 N Pleasant Rise, Barnwal, Sanjay K and Goel, Sarika to Wyatt-Friedman, Elizabeth and Friedman, Jason, 3/21, \$400,000
32 Merwin Brook Rd, Fitzsimmons, Dorothy C to Kukuk, Paula, 3/25, \$480,000
103 Junction Rd, Prince Of Peace Lutherna to Ballgray Holdings LLC, 3/25, \$425,000
850 Federal Rd, Thengumthuyil, James to Amaxon LLC, 3/24, \$721,000

BURLINGTON

Burlington Ave, Bombara, Michael J to Bombara, John C, 3/23, \$30,000
29 Covey Rd Lot 29, Meadowbrook Dev LLC to Dixon, Katherine, 3/24, \$334,900
142 Nelson Dr, Carrier Home Builders Inc to Weissberg, Eliot M, 3/23, \$731,098
205 Canton Rd, DCU Developers LLC to Carlson, Robert S and Carlson, Shannon A, 3/23, \$73,000
479-A Spielman Hwy, Hinman, Thomas J to SN Group 14 LLC, 3/24, \$150,000

CANAAN

N/A, Chinatti Ronald H Est and Chinatti, Ronald H to Ronald, Maureen, 3/21, \$295,000
13 Prospect St, Bailey Sharon Est and Bixler, Edward to Hafner, Patrick and Mittaud, Lara, 3/21, \$179,900
46 Johnson Rd, Taber, Afshin to Dahoney, James C and Dahoney, Dianna V, 3/22, \$718,000
87 Route 7 N, Angelicola, Rand F to Anton, Emily G, 3/22, \$342,500

CANTERBURY

Lisbon Rd, Wibberley Farm FT and Wibberley, Stephen M to Stimson-Tad, Stefan, 3/21, \$18,000
Lisbon Rd, Wibberley Farm FT and Wibberley, Stephen M to Stimson, Tye S, 3/21, \$12,000
300 N Canterbury Rd, Wartenberg, Pamela J to Markey, Sean T and Witkowski, Kim L, 3/22, \$311,100

CANTON

17 Camille Ln Lot 17, Marrs, Tara B to Grassmann, Andrew A and Grassmann, Jessica, 3/21, \$255,000
31 Atwater Rd, Robinson, Jenneken C to Gomes, Juanita R, 3/21, \$226,000
50 E Hill Rd Lot BE, Schiek, David and Schiek, Karen to Varrichione, Agatha A and Kimnach, Ah, Charles A, 3/21, \$151,000
59 Hanson Rd, DeLaVega Kimberly Est and Vega, Drew D to Grant, Tyler and Canada, Lucia, 3/21, \$232,500
80 Torrington Ave, Woodwell Gloria S Est and Walker, Scott B to Lockwood, Cheryl, 3/25, \$230,000
535 Cherry Brook Rd, Apanovitch FT and Orlovski, Patricia to Fiske, John, 3/21, \$127,500
535 Cherry Brook Rd, Apanovitch Andrew T Est and Apanovitch, Ryan to Fiske, John, 3/21, \$127,500

CHESHIRE

10 Balsam Pl, Clearview Mckinley Ests to Mulcahy, Ronan and Watson, Sarah, 3/22, \$734,900
20 Judson Ct, Famoustec LLC to Jeong, Greg and Jeong, Esther, 3/21, \$545,000

22 Mountaincrest Dr, Neff, Garrett A to Klotzman, Scott E and Calamita, Nancy E, 3/23, \$1,250,000
26 Renee Ct, Paturzo, Katherine to Faonti, Victor and Faconti, Sarah, 3/22, \$565,000
70 Southwick Ct Lot 201, Boardman, Barbara to Primrose, William D and Primrose, Patricia A, 3/23, \$216,000
90 Colton Ln, Carol Caley LLC to Scalice, Anthony C and Scalice, Julie, 3/22, \$960,000
121 Percival Dr, Blylykhashi, Ermelinda to Marinelli, Caterina F, 3/25, \$319,000
169 N Brooksville Rd, Reid, Evelyn to Sanca, Kimberly, 3/22, \$243,500
490 Cornwall Ave, Arisco Jr, Anthony and Arisco, Richard to Cornwall 490 LLC, 3/25, \$805,000
689 Yalesville Rd, Olin 2018 LT and Olin, John to Johnson, Marcie, 3/22, \$415,000
1266 Peck Ln, Wild, Margaret M to Feustel, Jessica M and Feustel, Edward, 3/25, \$345,000

CHESTER

Connerton Route 148, Berlepsch F W Jr Est and Berlepsch, Donna M to Donaldson, Blake A and Donaldson, Amy D, 3/25, \$440,000
7 High Field Ln, Makara, John J to Taylor, Dan, 3/25, \$583,900
27 High St, Jones, Joshua to Kilpatrick, Kaila R, 3/24, \$260,000
59 Cedar Lake Rd, Desnoyers, Michael and Desnoyers, Kirsten to Frese 3rd, John and Bouthiette, Madeleine R, 3/22, \$640,000
278 W Main St, Berlepsch, Ethel M to Donaldson, Blake A and Donaldson, Amy D, 3/22, \$150,000

CLINTON

8 Thrush Cross Rd, Papuga, Eric M to Pizzimetti, James P, 3/22, \$400,000
14 Cedar Rd, Belmont, Katherine M to Yudkin, Bryan M and Mosoff, Julianne, 3/21, \$426,500
148 Cow Hill Rd, Jones, John and Jones, Keri A to Pistej, Joseph and Pistej, Kimberly L, 3/24, \$365,000

COLCHESTER

3 Westchester Hls Lot 1, RMD Land Development LLC to Joseph, Timothy M, 3/25, \$160,000
27 Deer Run Dr, TCS Home Group LLC and Shapiro, Taylor to Alex, Nicole L, 3/24, \$525,000
28 Highwood Cir Lot 28, Ebersole, D Scott and Ebersole, Nancy P to Meyer, Patricia L and Meyer, Christopher R, 3/25, \$340,000
44 Tanglewood Rd, Gladding, William A and Gladding, Kristin M to Duhamel, Andrewj, 3/25, \$438,000
112 Park Ave, Peters, Bethany to Johnson, Ryan C, 3/23, \$251,500
132 Parum Rd, Ellsworth, Melissa R to 282-284 Albany Tpke LLC, 3/25, \$150,000
145 River Rd, Fusco, Maureen and Fusco, Anthony to Hartmann, Daniel W and Hartmann, Jamie, 3/21, \$430,000
522 Norwich Ave, Cdo I LLC to TVM 2 LLC, 3/21, \$420,000
698 Middletown Rd, Santiago, Wilson B to Tattersall, Kathryn J, 3/24, \$223,000

COLUMBIA

10 Cards Mill Rd, Caliber Home Loans Inc to Gates, Denton H, 3/25, \$225,099

CORNWALL

Great Hollow Rd, Ruth Turner Estate LLC to Connecticut State Of, 3/22, \$80,000
Prichard Rd, Woodbury Mountain LLC to Connecticut State Of, 3/22, \$560,000
199 Riverside Ave, Disabled American Veteran to 199 Riverside LLC, 3/22, \$175,000
206 Blakeslee St Lot 7, Audet, Scott J to Lane, Brendan T, 3/21, \$111,000
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CROMWELL

Mountain Laurel Ct Lot 3, Ern, Josephine to Yoon, Sung and Yoon, Cynthia, 3/7, \$150,000
2 South St, Cady, Timothy M to Noble, Leanne K, 3/16, \$335,000
5 Heather Ct Lot 5, Shaikh, Maksud A and Shaikh, Saeda M to Tran, Cindy, 3/7, \$186,000
12 Arbor Meadow Dr, Carrier Group Inc to Nilsson, Scott, 3/7, \$623,781
16 Chestnut Ct Lot 16, Ditson, Maria to Jones, Marsela, 3/11, \$215,000
16 Country Squire Dr Lot E, Gorton, Jennifer L to Valentin, Elizabeth, 3/8, \$115,000
54 Field Rd, Ekstrom, Ryan and Ekstrom, Nicole to Marmon, Michael R and Marino, Julie N, 3/17, \$350,000
143 South St, Borden, Charles E and Herein, Acting to Epasco, Celia C, 3/21, \$320,000
226 Skyview Dr Lot 226, Zheng, Yanhua to Hassan, Sibtain U and Fazi, Sanza, 3/22, \$216,500
272 Main St, Cabriaes, Joseph M and Cabriaes, Tatiana to Dibble, Christopher and Petruzello, Amanda, 3/16, \$305,000
587 Main St, Brogan, Quinton and Brogan, Katielyn to Edelman, Jacob M and Rosen, Molly B, 3/14, \$275,000

DANBURY

Joese Hill Rd, Isabelle T Farrington LT and Lundy, Marry E to Marianna Farm Sbdv LLC, 3/22, \$330,000
King St, Patricia Butler T and Butler, Richard A to Mylan, Nicole B, 3/21, \$537,000
1 Baxter St, Timokhin, Andrew and Potcheikina, Alexandra to Alperin, Alexander and Martynenko, Galina, 3/16, \$615,000
1 Beaver Brook Rd Lot 41, Bank, Michael to Pessso, Nare and Pessso, Havazelet, 3/16, \$116,000
1 Topstone Dr, Dimone Jr, Theodore A and Dimone, Nancy A to Titan Holdings LLC, 3/24, \$175,000
2 Hakim St, Silva, Manuel to Desimone, Steven L and Desimone, Suellem N, 3/21, \$170,000
2 Putnam Ln Lot 2, Costabile, Dana R and Ruiz, Daniel A to Otero, Curie, 3/24, \$625,000
5-7 Downs St, Hunt, Kenneth and Davis, Susan to Lopez, Sara E, 3/24, \$650,000
5-A 3rd St Lot 3, Smith, Neal and Smith, Hsuan H to Garayua, Fatima and Garayua, Samuel, 3/16, \$320,000
7 Arch St, Surovy Sr, Andrew H and Wilmington Svgs Fund Const Co to Brito, Carlos, 3/24, \$230,000
8 Brentwood Cir Lot 8, Toll CT 3 LP to Gil-Pasquell, Kenneth R, 3/21, \$6,399,950
8 Scupper Rd Lot 10, Abdella David Est and Cruz, Ann L to Montecaro Family LLC, 3/24, \$121,000
9 Ford Ave, Beardsley, Thomas to Sanchez, Teresa G and Noto, Edwin, 3/17, \$140,000
9 Grove St, Seves, Zaida B to Pancha, Christian J and Chalco, Laura V, 3/21, \$360,000
11 Mannions Ln Lot 25, Nadeau, Kevin to Coster, Brendan M and Coster, Nicole S, 3/22, \$280,000
14 Cambridge Dr Lot 14, Dias, Jorge W and Frezza, Caterina to Franciose, Brian R, 3/21, \$486,111
14 Newtown Rd Lot B9, Traino, Joyce C to Chien, Chiaohsin J, 3/16, \$200,000
15 Tiffany Dr, Michaels, Jeffrey H and Michaelis, Elynn C to Burgan, Christian and Rosario, Dahiana, 3/21, \$611,500
33 Rocky Glen Rd, Pickel Clara Ann Est and Buckland, Audra M to Sanchez, Rodrigo and Fajardo, Nohermi, 3/23, \$175,000
36 Bear Mountain Rd, Halas, Michael to Rooney, Patrick and Boone, Rosa, 3/23, \$296,000
38 Padanaram Ave Lot 19, Bottge, David D to Milau, Margaux H, 3/16, \$140,000
46 Boulevard Dr, Babbino, Daniel W and Babbino, Sarah E to Hack, Bruce, 3/21, \$340,000
47 Meadowbrook Rd, Stone Rdg Develop-

ment to Oberholtzer, Christian and Cathy, Craig, 3/21, \$580,000
52 Division St, Hogan, William G and Hogan, Jacqueline A to Deleno, Daniel, 3/17, \$405,000
55 Mill Plain Rd Lot 6-2, Andaman Partners LLC to Scuderi, Avery, 3/23, \$216,000
64 Merrimac St, Cornett, Paul to Sabino, Tirson, 3/17, \$360,000
105 Logging Trail Rd Lot 105, Cinco, Roldan Q and Cinco, April S to Tripodianos, Thomas and Tripodianos, Kleanthi, 3/22, \$486,000
115 Brentwood Cir Lot 115, Toll CT 3 LP to Oneilli, Amanda and Blumenthal, David, 3/23, \$577,798
126 Triquet St Lot B26, Taqueti, Claudemiro and Taqueti, Izaura R to Franzato, Maicke V and Defaria, Marco A, 3/21, \$149,000
204 Long Ridge Rd, Verner, Sandra to Noah, Taeko and Kato, Toyoko, 3/21, \$278,000
1105 Sienna Dr Lot 1105, Dziubasiak, Christopher P to Elliott, Todd and Elliott, Kristy, 3/16, \$400,000
1307 Eaton Ct Lot 1307, Ogunrinde, Adejoke to Mills, Michael and Mills, Tumika, 3/21, \$415,000

DARIEN

Noroton Hts, Steinegger John F Est and Steinegger, Frank I to WCD Advisory LLC, 3/24, \$99,000
16 Lake Dr, Simeon, Dominique to Tarantino, John and Li, Linh, 3/22, \$1,260,000
16 Littlebrook Rd N, Veeder, Gloria L to Olson, Keith and Olson, Lori, 3/24, \$900,000
31 Crimmins Rd, Kane, Joseph and Kane, Molly to Balzano, Adriana and Balzano, Michael, 3/22, \$800,000
31 Harriet Ln, Dhull, Ishwar S and Dhull, Meenu K to Verma, Ajay, 3/22, \$1,325,000
44 Kensett Ln Lot 44, Briggs, Joanne S to Grier, Kevin and Grier, Janet, 3/24, \$1,650,000
123 West Ave, Popoff, David and Hicks, Deidre A to Condon, Christopher, 3/24, \$1,445,000
350 Mansfield Ave, Phillips, Julie A to Carruthers, Thomas and Carruthers, Linda, 3/24, \$2,675,000

DEEP RIVER

92 Main St Lot 408, Wagner, Phyllis to Harris, Michael S and Manett-Harris, Julia, 3/23, \$240,000

DERBY

11 McKinley Ave, Pay If Forward LLC to Joseph, Rosemond, 3/24, \$360,000
12 East Ct Lot 12, Pellegrini, Ranny M to Vitale Jr, John F and Vitale, Valerie J, 3/24, \$180,000
87 Pleasant View Rd, Hanock, Bruce to Green, Shanell, 3/24, \$389,000
105 Roosevelt Rd, 205 W Parmenter LLC to Lukas, Carina, 3/23, \$189,995
116-120 Hawthorne Ave, 116-120 Hawthorne LLC to Wypasek, Wacław C and Wypasek, Anna, 3/23, \$421,000
315 Silver Hill Rd Lot 13, Bayram, Sennas and Bayram, Veli to Culmo, George, 3/21, \$130,000
698 Middletown Rd, Santiago, Wilson B to Tattersall, Kathryn J, 3/24, \$223,000
Middletown Tpke, Sullivan, Jennifer A and Kelley, Jennifer S to Kelley, Michael, 3/24, \$27,000
22 Little Falls Way, Chicoine, Lindsey and Corbeil, Jesse to Cataldo, Brianna C and Cataldo, Steven G, 3/21, \$465,000
321 Main St, Spatzuty, Marco to Li, Guang-ming, 3/24, \$553,730
348-R Higganum Rd, Gawron, Bozena to Goodwin, Matthew, 3/22, \$800,000
616 New Haven Rd, Leverton, Pauline to Cavallaro, John J, 3/23, \$92,050

EAST GRANBY

Broken Arrow Dr, Tyo, Matthew R and Tyo, Zoe A to Feeney, John, 3/25, \$329,500
7 Bradley Park Rd, Wiehl Holdings 2 LLC to Bradley Pk Prop Owner LLC, 3/21, \$6,200,000
877 S Grand St, Arcari, Jordan S to Peckham, Marie and Schnepf, Alec, 3/24, \$366,000

EAST HADDAM

Connell Rd Est, Gibb, Guy R to Baggott, Michael and Baggott, Valerie, 3/23, \$135,000
29 Ray Hill Rd, Breton, Matthew S and Breton, Debbie I to Alexander, Sean and Alexander, Colleen, 3/24, \$909,200
31 Pine Rd, Povondra, Katherine M to Zemienieski, Paul and Zemienieski, Jennifer, 3/24, \$164,000
383 Bridges Rd, Schechter, Joel to Neely Jr, Richard W and Neely, Julie A, 3/21, \$1,445,000
52 William F Palmer Rd, Goodspeed Realty LLC to Durand, Glenn, 3/23, \$345,000
91 Wildwood Rd, Harrington, Dennis R and Harrington

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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LEDYARD
3 Lakeside Dr Lot N, Bjork, Paul J and Bjork, Courtney E to Raval, Anuj H, 3/22, \$139,000
7 Lucienne Way, Mastem, Adam W to Coull, Scott M and Coull, Leigh, 3/21, \$478,000
37 N Glenwoods Rd, Laplante, Chad to Sherman, Justin P, 3/21, \$382,500
662 Shewville Rd, Gallup, David D to Torres, Trevor and Warner, Melissa R, 3/22, \$400,000
1538 Route 12 Lot C26, Oko, David J and Oko, Gayle A to Tope, Kimberly and Tope, Daniel, 3/21, \$215,000

LISBON
143 S Burnham Hwy, Perfect Property LLC and Lisbon Town Of to Pacciucco LLC, 3/24, \$150,000
166 Newent Rd, 166 Newent T and Skipper, Susan to Kelly, Maegan, 3/24, \$269,000

MADISON
Hickory Ln, Esposito, Anthony and Naranjo, Giovanni to Irizarry, Matthew and Irizarry, Kelly, 3/17, \$345,000
Scotland Ave, Young, Fay to Haag, David and Stewart, Timothy N, 3/14, \$360,000
6 Fern Ln, Berk, Kathryn to Coodley, Mitchell and Coodley, Lucy N, 3/15, \$548,000
40 A Kelsey Pl, Dowling, Matthew to Gagliardi, Paul, 3/15, \$359,000
126 Nortontown Rd, North, Taylor A and Allen, Ashley C to Powers, Thomas and Powers, Joan, 3/25, \$560,000
237 County Rd, Owen, Peter W and Owen, Erin to Mack, Timothy, 3/15, \$302,500
1659 Durham Rd, FNMA to Bongiovanni, Jessie and Oit, Tyler, 3/21, \$489,000

MANCHESTER
Main St, Manchester Main Apt LLC to Manchester NCM LLC, 3/23, \$4,725,000
Spruce St, Oak Street Apartments LLC to Manchester NCM LLC, 3/23, \$2,750,000
N/A, Beit, Sondra J to Manchester NCM LLC, 3/23, \$775,000
1 Jamie Ln Lot 1F, FHLM to Oneill, James, 3/23, \$160,000
32 Durkin St, Castillo, Yolanda to Enright, Kellyann, 3/24, \$220,000
65 Woodland St, Woodland St Industrial Pk to Oak Tree Property LLC, 3/24, \$940,000
244 Oakland St Lot D, Quaglia, Joseph D and Quaglia, Susan A to Cain, Richard and Brummer, Samuel, 3/22, \$215,000
325 Middle Tpke W, Acevedo, Manuel to Derubertis, Camillo and Munteanu, Lonelia, 3/23, \$232,000

MARLBOROUGH
31 James Ln, Lewis, Patricia A to Fletcher, Jeffrey G and Farris, Shauna D, 3/24, \$379,125
35 Saner Rd Lot 5, Hancin Construction LLC to Collette, Daniel and Collette, Amy, 3/18, \$433,534
72 S Buckboard Ln, Glode, Raymond H and Glode, Ann L to Laffin, Patricia A, 3/21, \$405,000

MERIDEN
16 Lewis Ave, 16 Lewis to Hyamm, Zollie, 3/21, \$275,000
19 Eaton Ave, Katuzney, Stephen and Katuzney, Susan to Grant-Morrison, Kamika, 3/23, \$247,000
29 South Ave, Santos, Miguel L to Estrda-Miranda, Neri, 3/24, \$176,000
47 Dogleg Dr, Morales, Wilfredo to Carrero, Benjamin and Carrero, Janete, 3/23, \$280,000
52 Milton Dr, Breininger, Steven P to Elbazio, Hilma, 3/23, \$235,000
52 Pleasant St, Eagle I Management LLC to Livingston, Jeremiah and Ramos, Tatiana E, 3/25, \$302,000
59 Olive St, Perch Rock Management LLC to Bostick, Zure and Sanchez, Phillip, 3/24, \$179,000
78 Whitney Dr, Stevens, Paul C and Carey, Diane K to Turkman, Isa, 3/23, \$360,000
138 Warren St, Roman, Jennifer to Alvarado, Raul, 3/23, \$291,900
157 Knob Hill Rd, DeJarding, Kenneth J and DeJarding, Maureen R to Borchert, Tammy and Wynn, James, 3/22, \$325,000
165 Leonard St, Makroum, Mounir and Mamas, Ibrahim to Gruasz, Braha and Gruasz, Shlomo, 3/21, \$305,000
171 Robin Hill Rd, Bedard, James R and Bedard, Ellen S to Gonzalez-Jaquez, Henry and Blanco, Enmi, 3/25, \$305,150
194 Crown St, 404 Center St Hldg LLC to CT 201 Holdings LLC, 3/23, \$160,000
212 Broad St, Saleh, Nader to Mccall, Marwin, 3/24, \$102,000
223 Sherman Ave, Perales, Jamie R to Nelson, Tatiana, 3/21, \$303,000
224 Sherman Ave, Perales, Jamie R to Nelson, Tatiana, 3/21, \$303,000
225 Sherman Ave, Perales, Jamie R to Nelson, Tatiana, 3/21, \$303,000
257 Reynolds Dr, Kroher, Leonard N to Martinez, Monica and Martinez, Wilson, 3/22, \$230,000
1112 E Main St, Perl-Copeland, Renee L to EDMJ LLC, 3/22, \$295,350

MIDDLEBURY
Kelly Rd, Theroux, David R and Blasius Jr, Frederick W to Anderson, Suzanne, 3/21, \$180,000
11 Kimberwick Ct Lot 11, Dell, Leslie M and Eskenazi, Steven F to Bernasconi, Stacey, 3/24, \$389,000
106 Whittemore Rd, Putetti, Joseph A and Putetti, Rosemary to Brody, Robert and Brophy, Meaghan, 3/22, \$378,500
167 Ridgewood Dr Lot 167, Toll CT 2 LP to Batista, Mariann S, 3/23, \$621,214
171 Ridgewood Dr Lot 171, Toll CT 2 LP to Cole, Zainab C, 3/21, \$575,719
420 Burr Hall Rd, Mulla, Anxhela to Drax Hall LLC, 3/23, \$1,100,000

MIDDLEFIELD
15 Spring St, Esposito, Patricia B to King-dom Bldr Ministries, 3/21, \$125,000
33 Janet Dr, Hampe, James M to Love, James W and Love, Marji S, 3/23, \$257,200
36 Harvest Woods Rd, Coady, John R to Pucci, Julia C, 3/21, \$420,000
645 Main St, Gray, Tamara M to Mialiar Jr, David F, 3/21, \$410,000

MIDDLETOWN
Brown St, Middlesex Habitat Humanit to Bergan, John E and Bergan, Maria C, 3/23, \$15,000
10 Blue Grass Dr, USA HUD to Afzaal, Abdul-lah, 3/22, \$295,500
34 Saint Johns St, Mcinvale, Huston to 34 St Hldg LLC, 3/24, \$190,000
169 Farm Hill Rd, Vincent, Craig to Savage, Taylor and Silliman, Benjamin, 3/22, \$305,000
241 Higby Rd, Michael Perrelli T and Perrelli, Michael to Hart, Christopher, 3/25, \$330,000
788 Long Hill Rd Lot 788, Davis, Shannon to Gamber, Kristi, 3/25, \$200,000
1018 Long Hill Rd, Rosek, Joshua R and Rosek, Moira G to Arnold, Veronica F, 3/23, \$315,000

MILFORD
Brown St, Orecchio Kate D Est and Iasilli, Jeffrey to JW Broad LLC, 3/24, \$968,000
86 Dewey Ave, Butka Loretta J Est and Dellaglioia, Danielle to 86 Dewey Ave LLC, 3/18, \$240,000

MONROE
23 Todd Dr, Chila 3rd, Peter E to Lara, Alfonso M, 3/24, \$450,000
79 Field Rock Rd, Almeida, Carlos and Almeida, Maria R to Agpalo, Daryl and Agpalo, Precious J, 3/23, \$725,000
88 Georges Ln, Potolicchio, Guy A and Potolicchio, Victoria T to Brown, Paul H and Montaque, Tameka, 3/22, \$674,500

NAUGATUCK
Coen St, 28 Coen Street LLC to 1 Way Hm Improvement LLC, 3/22, \$35,000
22 Grove St, Fay, Mae E to Colon, Enudio, 3/21, \$250,000
55 Porter Ave Lot 6C, Egenberdiev, Murat to Cyr, Nicole M, 3/21, \$111,000

68 Round Tree Dr Lot 2, Campos, Angela A to Knapp, Lisa, 3/21, \$145,000
73 Ruela Dr, Sambrine, Maelia to Guzman, Andris I, 3/21, \$385,000
77 Jolie Rd, Oliveira, Maria to Pilar, Steven D, 3/23, \$455,000
108 Clark Rd Lot 75, Brackett, Elouise to Buchanan, Jeff, 3/23, \$76,500
258 Andrew Ave, Lebel, Kevin to Perry, Tracy, 3/23, \$190,000

NEW BRITAIN
Batterson Dr, Wilmington Svgs Fund Soc to Your Home Choice LLC, 3/22, \$199,000
Farmington Ave, Marconi Enterprises LLC to Hayes 8 NBCT LLC, 3/25, \$1,535,000
N/A, Wilmington Svgs Fund Soc to Baran, Jan, 3/25, \$139,900
9 Fairview St, Paladino, Carmine and Paladino, Leslie E to Mosley, Jamik, 3/25, \$275,300
28 Vance St, Mejias, Antonio to Maisonet, Carmen and Maldonado, Manuel, 3/24, \$382,000
30 Yeaton St, Bysiewicz, Thaddeus P to Sengdara, Deth and Sengdara, Soudaphone, 3/23, \$255,000
35 Rackliffe Dr, Zhu, Yu to Taveras, Daniel J, 3/22, \$325,000
36-38 Olive St, Batts, Jaymar to Voloshin Jr, James F and Spector, Gabriel C, 3/22, \$349,500
47 Lawlor St, Staywell LLC to SK Hldg LLC, 3/17, \$560,000
69 Willow St, Lozada, David and Lozada, Milagros to Virtue Enterprise LLC, 3/22, \$83,000
70 Alexander Rd, Mag Patricia L Est and Mag, Henry R to Frias Jr, Juan F, 3/21, \$205,000
83 Mitchell St, Tenerowicz, Wojciech and Tenerowicz, Malgorzata to Marquez, Luis M, 3/23, \$215,000
98 Columbia St, Labata, Krzysztof and Labaty, Malgorzata to Leon, Wilson M and Leon, Dioselina, 3/23, \$380,000
111 Robindale Dr, Reiser, William H to Buonomo, Matthew D, 3/25, \$215,000
145 Lawlor St, Arroyo, Erick D and Perez, Yoandra to Buchanan, Brandon, 3/17, \$265,000
150 Judd Ave, Garcia, Eileen to Automated Technol Ogi, 3/21, \$225,000
178 Oakland Ave, Gallo, Salvatore R and Gallo, Maria D to Lliguichuzhca, Angel, 3/25, \$350,000
196 Birchwood Rd, Koszykowski, Jaroslav and Koszykowska, Eva to Robillard, Nicole A, 3/23, \$340,000
228 Tremont St, Taricani T and Taricani, Michael I to Perry, Tya M, 3/17, \$195,000
239 Glen St Lot S3, Mendez Iris Est and Townd Point Mortgage T to Walker, Jason, 3/24, \$67,119
241 Rocky Hill Ave, Jackson, Ebony S to Plovyy, Vasyil and Polova, Mariya, 3/24, \$272,000
324 Maple St, Ponarski, Mieczyslaw to T Hsng Enterprise LLC, 3/18, \$115,000
410 Farmington Ave Lot J2, Housesold RE LLC to Zagrobelsy, Rafal and Korzinski, Marek, 3/21, \$147,000
540 High St, USA HUD to Classen, Desiree, 3/21, \$139,100
1897 Stanley St, Bohlke, Lara K to Marshall, Aaron J and Marshall, Danessa V, 3/21, \$257,000

NEW CANAAN
27 Old Stamford Rd, Avanzino Susan Est and Mustin, Carolyn to Sweitzer, Brandon and Sweitzer, Lisette, 3/23, \$1,045,000
39 Selleck Pl, 39 Selleck Pl LLC to Shouvlin, Bernadette, 3/24, \$1,350,000

NEW FAIRFIELD
21 Heron View Rd Lot 21, Barbara A Earle IRT and Earle, Diane C to Barresi, Patricia, 3/25, \$440,000

NEW HARTFORD
16 Salisbury Ln, Cassella, Lawrence H and Cassella, Patricia S to Colman, Melissa S and Russell, George A, 3/22, \$389,900
17 Prospect St, Vincent Capital LLC to Arvidson, Samuel, 3/22, \$251,250
25 Beach Rd, Gauthier, Danya and Baker, Danya D to Mack, Brenna and Mack, Carol A, 3/21, \$95,000
390 Bruning Rd, Oppel, Clinton D and Oppel, Brenda A to Audia, Amanda C and Audia, Steven M, 3/21, \$89,900

NEW HAVEN
N/A Lot 31, Degnan, Loretta to Sutin, Karen, 3/21, \$130,000
N/A, Connecticut State Of to Pinos, Claudio, 3/25, \$10,000
8 Brown Pl, Otero, Diana I to 8 Brown Place LLC, 3/25, \$151,500
15 Hemingway Pl, Dellacama Raymond A Est to Gonzalez-Curillo, A V and Calderon-Diaz, Diego F, 3/22, \$225,000
16 Ashland Pl, Shaw, Felicia to Naranjo, Luis and Naranjo-Chimborazo, M D, 3/23, \$260,000
25 Rock Hill Rd Lot D, Crawford, Phyllis D to Colon, Luis and Natal, Vixa M, 3/24, \$165,000
26 Hobart St, Delorme, Marc-Harry and Frenks, Pamela to Reynolds, John M and Hellmuth, Suzanne, 3/23, \$380,000
39 Colony Rd, Colony House LLC to Baitel-man, Yisroel, 3/24, \$470,000
49 Malby St, Defelice Sr, David and Defelice, Margo to Bentzy 4 DE LLC, 3/22, \$265,000
54 Tyler St, Wells, Lawrence A and Wells, Mary A to Berrios, Lionel J, 3/23, \$245,000
55 Marvelwood Dr, Paluzzi, Susan to Doris, Jameson and Fuller, Clara, 3/22, \$350,000
66 Carmel St, Manner, Christopher and Manner, Jacob to Brito Jr, Dante, 3/25, \$255,000
67 Cranston St, Monaco Michael R Est and Monaco, Gail to Donovan, Ava, 3/21, \$122,000
72 Clark St, Dziurynski, Jania and Dziurynski, Christopher to Dziurzynski Jr, C and Dziurzynski, Elzbieta, 3/25, \$572,000
74 Porter St, Wilmington T NA and FNMA to Wilmington T NA, 3/24, \$124,961
98 Sylvan Ave, Arguello, Javier to Sung, Euisuk, 3/24, \$399,000
124 Nash St, Altieri, Joseph and Bayer, Rose M to Xu, George and Chan, Kathleen, 3/24, \$415,000
127 Lenox St, Elliott, Jeremie to Bautista, John B and Fernandez, Yhelisa, 3/22, \$265,000
131 Dwight St, J&G Acquisitions LLC to City Restorations LLC, 3/23, \$550,000
139 Fountain St Lot B8, Guzzo, Nathan J to Rubi, Jose and Aristilde, Stacy, 3/22, \$125,000
151 Rosette St, National Construction LLC to Cruz-Martinez, Ricardo, 3/22, \$340,000
158 S End Rd, Magnum Property Group LLC to Baliki, Gilbert, 3/22, \$290,000
194 Saltonstall Ave, Kang-Cheng, Kwong to ZIZ LLC, 3/23, \$275,000
217 Farren Ave, Cabrera, Leonardo to Bentzy 4 DE LLC, 3/22, \$295,000
232 Columbus Ave, New Haven City Of to Concrete Creations LLC, 3/25, \$100,000
238 Columbus Ave, New Haven City Of to Concrete Creations LLC, 3/25, \$100,000
806 Quinnipiac Ave, Oconnor, Gerard and Oconnor, Raeanna M to Realty Ventures LLC, 3/24, \$225,000
1020 Whalley Ave Lot A, Decristofaro, Victoria to Pink Elephant Parade LLC, 3/25, \$145,000
1160 Townsend Ave, PMPH USA Ltd to Hennessy, Phillip A, 3/22, \$320,000

NORWALK
Rockmeadow Townhouses, Thomas, Michael J and Swan, Christina A to Thomas, John, 3/21, \$200,000
5 Rockland Rd Lot A1, Arnold, Nyesha to Rawly, Rabia C, 3/21, \$305,000
5 Silvermine Trails, JDM Yew LLC to Richard A Rudick RET and Rudick, Richard A, 3/16, \$140,304
15 Pine Point Rd Lot 350, Atkin, Patricia and Vonschmidt, Georgia to Behr, Brant and Behr, Jamie, 3/17, \$110,000
16 Rockmeadow Rd Lot Q, Thomas, John to Mulvehill, Meghan, 3/21, \$238,000
32 Myrtle St, Curtin, Kristen and Curtin, Paul to Godwin, James and Godwin, Megan, 3/21, \$615,000
45 Maple St Lot 18, Cross Properties LLC to Lanard, Rosemarie, 3/17, \$172,000

NORWICH
Beebe Rd, Vendola, Richard to Breen, Robert, 3/18, \$30,000
Salem Tpke, Geronomo LLC to Magalhaes, Fulvio J, 3/24, \$240,000
2 Union St, Church, Central B to 2 Union St LLC, 3/15, \$340,000
4 Laurel Circle Dr, Dayawon, Nicholas A to Schmidt, Kyle K and Schmidt, Tonya, 3/23, \$220,000
11 Sunnyside East Rd Lot 11, Young, Shane P and Young, Marie E to Yablin, Heather, 3/18, \$161,000
17 Spruce St, Patel, Naranbhai to Amado, Roberto, 3/25, \$120,000
20 Spaulding St, Moehl, Nicholas D to Cardoza, Heather, 3/17, \$260,000
21 Buckingham Ave, 3672 LLC to McNary, David, 3/24, \$17,500
25 Tillies Way, Forsyth, Sean T to Custer, Marianne, 3/25, \$425,000
38 Hooper St Lot 12, Zerbarini, Raymond S to Radford, Kaleb T, 3/21, \$204,000
44 Laurel Hill Ave, Carpwodd LLC to 44 Laurel Ave LLC, 3/23, \$360,000
54 High Meadow Ln, Giacchetti, Lynn S to Rahman, Shahriar, 3/24, \$850,000
72 McKinley Ave Lot 72, Eatman, Timothy T to Menos, Lourdes M, 3/15, \$102,000
115 Taftville Occum Rd, Myrthil, Patrick L to Armstrong, Garrett and Armstrong, Landy, 3/22, \$190,000
252 Taftville Occum Rd, Dussault, Raymond and Dussault, Susan to Jaffarian, Martin C, 3/21, \$245,200
268 Prospect St, Patel, Naranbhai M to Amado, Roberto, 3/25, \$135,000
586 W Thames St Lot B8, Freylikhman, Gene and Freylikhman, Suzanne to Eurbini, Donna M, 3/22, \$199,900
724 W Thames St, Eldridge, Lin F and Eldridge, Robert L to Mylyi, Aimee and Miner, Sarah, 3/23, \$192,000

OLD LYME
12 Great Oak Rd, Caviamca LLC to Papallo, Daniel J and Papallo, Susan E, 3/21, \$140,000
126 Boston Post Rd, Edward J Janicki T and Fagan, Kaitlyn to Hoffmann, Elizabeth, 3/25, \$307,000

OLD SAYBROOK
Sunset Ave Lot 7, Meredith, Leigh to Ruitto Properties LLC, 3/17, \$250,000
3 Rocky Point Rd, Snow Jr, James A and Snow, Kimberly to Marshall, Gregory A, 3/18, \$665,000
6 Briarwood Dr, Easterly, Byron R to Laska-Schier, Anne, 3/22, \$390,000
138 N Cove Rd, Dubuc Homestead T and Phee, Kathleen to Zimmerman, Daniel, 3/22, \$1,267,500
246 Essex Rd, Ventura Leonard M Sr Est and

Waters, Merriah L, 3/21, \$360,000
15 Bostwick Arms Lot 15, Mcgettrick, Michael S to GH Real Estate LLC, 3/22, \$90,000
29 Glen Ridge Ct Lot 29, Morozowich, Andrew J and Morozowich, Jessica J to Vetrano, Victoria, 3/25, \$147,000
57 Grove St, Romeo, William to Howard, Joshua and Howard, Zoe, 3/25, \$500,000
93 Valley Dr Lot 93, Mylie, Justin A to Case, Gregory A and Schachi, Simone, 3/25, \$159,000
95 Candlewood Lake Rd N, Duarte, Amilton M and US Bank NA to MRO Props, 3/21, \$255,500
188 Willow Spgs Lot 188, Desousa, Rosemary and Trust Bank to Marek, Joseph and Nastasi, John, 3/25, \$211,000
189 Carmen Hill Rd, Kakasenko Lydia Est and Thomas, Stephanie to Freitas, Alyson and Freitas, Anthony, 3/22, \$385,000
212 Kent Rd, Jofish LLC to Angulo, David S, 3/23, \$275,000
214 Sawyer Hill Rd, Stocks, Rachel to Wright, Andrew and Harvey, Lisa, 3/21, \$1,757,000
303 Wellsville Ave, Reimer Doris E Est and Lundberg, Lisa to Martens, Richard W and Martens, Denise A, 3/22, \$268,500
505 Kent Rd, 505 Kent Road LLC to Evercam Properties LLC, 3/21, \$300,000

NEWINGTON
8th St, Liistro Jr, Mathias E to Alexander, James M and Martin, Elena M, 3/24, \$77,333
N/A, Tucker James M Est and Tucker, Kailyn M to Li, Qian M and Liu, Chun X, 3/16, \$281,000
16 Cherry Hill Dr, Amor, Arthur J and Mccormick, Christopher H to Swart, Charles C and Swart, Gayna C, 3/21, \$280,000
23 Horizon Hill Rd Lot 23, Sones, Gloria K to Kabala, Mikel, 3/23, \$221,500
29 Adam Dr, Ziobro Stefania Est and Ziobro, Mark to Rubano, Kelly and Rubano, Michael, 3/23, \$325,000
33 Bayberry Rd, Kachnowski, William A to Kuziel, Jonathan D, 3/24, \$240,500
39 Cottonwood Rd Lot 39, Sterlein 3rd, Joseph F and Sterlein, Jennifer R to Plocharczyk, Halina and Fudala, Pamela, 3/21, \$150,000
193 Hillcrest Ave, Swart, Charles C and Swart, Gayna C to Gonzalez, Jose, 3/21, \$185,000
560 Cypress Rd Lot 560, 560 Cypress LLC to Highsmith, Cameo L and Wheatcraft, Edward J, 3/15, \$180,000
570 Cypress Rd Lot 570, Costa, Paul J to Liang, Yilan, 3/25, \$180,000
674-R Church St, Stella Kozakiewicz T and Merlino, Katherine to GKS Holdings LLC, 3/24, \$25,000

NEWTOWN
8 Alder Ln, Venitelli, Vincent and Venitelli, Sandra B to Kohlsaet, Evan and Kohlsaet, Rachel, 3/21, \$270,000
14 Shady Rest Blvd, Vendel LT and Vendel, Larry W to Schneider, Christopher, 3/21, \$315,000
21 Jeremiah Rd, Siladi, Ann M to Kinsman, Zachary S, 3/21, \$575,000
32 Echo Valley Rd, FNMA to Soto, Jose M, 3/21, \$745,000
44 Glen Rd, Lockwood, George F and Lockwood, Carol A to DCMA LLC, 3/21, \$185,000

NORTH BRANFORD
7 Rose Ln, Gallelio, Frank and Goodmaster, Allison to Duncanson, Frank and Duncanson, Judith, 3/23, \$625,000

NORTH CANAAN
W Main St, Canfield Group LLC to Edwards, Ian C, 3/21, \$165,000

NORTH HAVEN
7 Curtis Ct, Muro Family LT and Muro, Richard T to Dipolardo, Christopher R, 3/21, \$275,000
19 King Arthur Ct, Margaret T Wezowicz LT and Cohen, Katherine to Conley, Molly M, 3/21, \$489,000
27 Roberta Rd, Li, Hesui to Camargo, Wanderson, 3/23, \$345,000
36 Lexington Gdns Lot 36, Kaliszewski, Kimberly to Dandrea, Diane, 3/21, \$241,940
47 Montowee Ave, Viscuso, Michael A to Law Offices Of Attorney, 3/23, \$278,500

NORTH STONINGTON
38 Norwich Westerny Rd, HSB Partners LLC to Bil Properties LLC, 3/23, \$110,000
329 Grindstone Hill Rd, Trehern, Marianne E and Charter Oak FCU to Deledda, Robert, 3/25, \$56,500

NORWALK
Rockmeadow Townhouses, Thomas, Michael J and Swan, Christina A to Thomas, John, 3/21, \$200,000
5 Rockland Rd Lot A1, Arnold, Nyesha to Rawly, Rabia C, 3/21, \$305,000
5 Silvermine Trails, JDM Yew LLC to Richard A Rudick RET and Rudick, Richard A, 3/16, \$140,304
15 Pine Point Rd Lot 350, Atkin, Patricia and Vonschmidt, Georgia to Behr, Brant and Behr, Jamie, 3/17, \$110,000
16 Rockmeadow Rd Lot Q, Thomas, John to Mulvehill, Meghan, 3/21, \$238,000
32 Myrtle St, Curtin, Kristen and Curtin, Paul to Godwin, James and Godwin, Megan, 3/21, \$615,000
45 Maple St Lot 18, Cross Properties LLC to Lanard, Rosemarie, 3/17, \$172,000

NORWICH
Beebe Rd, Vendola, Richard to Breen, Robert, 3/18, \$30,000
Salem Tpke, Geronomo LLC to Magalhaes, Fulvio J, 3/24, \$240,000
2 Union St, Church, Central B to 2 Union St LLC, 3/15, \$340,000
4 Laurel Circle Dr, Dayawon, Nicholas A to Schmidt, Kyle K and Schmidt, Tonya, 3/23, \$220,000
11 Sunnyside East Rd Lot 11, Young, Shane P and Young, Marie E to Yablin, Heather, 3/18, \$161,000
17 Spruce St, Patel, Naranbhai to Amado, Roberto, 3/25, \$120,000
20 Spaulding St, Moehl, Nicholas D to Cardoza, Heather, 3/17, \$260,000
21 Buckingham Ave, 3672 LLC to McNary, David, 3/24, \$17,500
25 Tillies Way, Forsyth, Sean T to Custer, Marianne, 3/25, \$425,000
38 Hooper St Lot 12, Zerbarini, Raymond S to Radford, Kaleb T, 3/21, \$204,000
44 Laurel Hill Ave, Carpwodd LLC to 44 Laurel Ave LLC, 3/23, \$360,000
54 High Meadow Ln, Giacchetti, Lynn S to Rahman, Shahriar, 3/24, \$850,000
72 McKinley Ave Lot 72, Eatman, Timothy T to Menos, Lourdes M, 3/15, \$102,000
115 Taftville Occum Rd, Myrthil, Patrick L to Armstrong, Garrett and Armstrong, Landy, 3/22, \$190,000
252 Taftville Occum Rd, Dussault, Raymond and Dussault, Susan to Jaffarian, Martin C, 3/21, \$245,200
268 Prospect St, Patel, Naranbhai M to Amado, Roberto, 3/25, \$135,000
586 W Thames St Lot B8, Freylikhman, Gene and Freylikhman, Suzanne to Eurbini, Donna M, 3/22, \$199,900
724 W Thames St, Eldridge, Lin F and Eldridge, Robert L to Mylyi, Aimee and Miner, Sarah, 3/23, \$192,000

OLD LYME
12 Great Oak Rd, Caviamca LLC to Papallo, Daniel J and Papallo, Susan E, 3/21, \$140,000
126 Boston Post Rd, Edward J Janicki T and Fagan, Kaitlyn to Hoffmann, Elizabeth, 3/25, \$307,000

OLD SAYBROOK
Sunset Ave Lot 7, Meredith, Leigh to Ruitto Properties LLC, 3/17, \$250,000
3 Rocky Point Rd, Snow Jr, James A and Snow, Kimberly to Marshall, Gregory A, 3/18, \$665,000
6 Briarwood Dr, Easterly, Byron R to Laska-Schier, Anne, 3/22, \$390,000
138 N Cove Rd, Dubuc Homestead T and Phee, Kathleen to Zimmerman, Daniel, 3/22, \$1,267,500
246 Essex Rd, Ventura Leonard M Sr Est and

Dziurgot, Lynn M to Ventura, Lane, 3/18, \$200,000
900 Boston Post Rd, CK Investments LLC to ZDM Properties LLC, 3/24, \$775,000
1029 Boston Post Rd, ND Property Mgmt LLC to Demiroz, Ilhami and Ilitli, Sezgin, 3/17, \$290,000

ORANGE
111 Cherry Hill Rd, Eagle, Norman J and Eagle, Sandra M to Aslama, Kyeremateg and Nkansah, Juliana A, 3/21, \$550,000
379 Longmeadow Rd, Macintyre, Keith D to Denny, Allison L and Correia, Kurt M, 3/24, \$386,000
468 Fairway Rd, Armel, Natalia to Min, Than T and Eain, Eve P, 3/21, \$568,000
513 Ridge Rd, Paul F Huwiler RET and Huwiler, Paul F to Ramirez, Kerri and Ramirez, George, 3/22, \$515,000
942 Derby Millford Rd, Brooks Marilyn Est and Mongillo, Wendy J to Carchia, Salvatore, 3/21, \$159,000

OXFORD
17-A Perry Ln, Oloff, Scott H to Helms, Lance M and Helms, Jocelyn M, 3/22, \$581,500
100 Parrott Dr Lot 1203, 100 Parrott Drive LLC to Willinger Jr, Charles J, 3/24, \$470,000
115 Park Ave, Gold Star Real Estate LLC to Montemarano, Megan and Bubba, Brandon, 3/22, \$665,000
208 Mohegan Rd, Mandanici, Frank and Mandanici Jr, John C to Sninsky, Kathleen M, 3/22, \$367,000

PLAINFIELD
24 Jolley Rd, Harkins, Kathleen M to Spink, Sara J and Spink, Kaitlin, 3/17, \$240,000
59 Sterling Rd, Wozniak, Steven E and Wozniak, Virginia L to Roy, Jared R, 3/17, \$212,000

PLAINVILLE
17 Twining St, USA HUD to Gunn, Jennifer, 3/22, \$90,200
29 Hamlin St, TWM Development LLC to Liistro, Cory J, 3/21, \$201,500
43 Ledger Rd, USA HUD to Green, Renaldo, 3/22, \$200,000

PLYMOUTH
23 Hoyer St, USA HUD to Markey, Stephanie, 3/21, \$190,000
60 Todd Rd, Pandolfi, Danielle to Bonds, Dallas J, 3/24, \$149,900
79 Kearney St, Perugini, Josephine and Perugini, Lauren to May 3rd, Robert and Mulligan, Jacqueline, 3/24, \$240,000
131 Lake Plymouth Blvd, Roman, Irene to Zalucky, Cristina and Rozvadovsky, Vladimir, 3/22, \$380,000

PORLAND
N/A, GMJ LLC to Javit, Debra and Millington, Christine, 3/11, \$135,000
8 Elizabeth Rd, Vamvakis, Steven N to Oakliff, Kelsey, 3/11, \$250,000
10 Perry Ave, Markham, Donald R to Portland Town Center LLC, 3/25, \$248,000
11 Old Carriage Rd, Whited, Craig T and Whited, Julianna N to Rumovitch, Stephen J and Rumovitch, Kelley H, 3/14, \$339,000
17 Great Hill Pond Rd, Woronoff, Bruce R to Roy, Timothy A and Roy, Karen B, 3/16, \$650,000
127 Paley Farms Rd, Select Demo Services LLC to Mauritzen, Joseph H, 3/25, \$465,000
164 Sand Hill Rd, Wood, Crystal to Randall, James, 3/15, \$300,000
182 Cox Rd, Mcginley, Richard D to Brown, Christopher and Brown, Jennifer, 3/21, \$95,000

PRESTON
22 Tanglewood Dr, Parham 2nd, Nicholas E and Parham, Brenda M to Gahrman, Michael J and Gahrman, Sarah E, 3/22, \$390,000

PROSPECT
6 Maple Dr, Reilly, Jonathan T to Marsh, Joseph J, 3/24, \$257,500
35 Greenwood Dr, Evangeliste, Abigail V to Diccico, Adam R, 3/22, \$319,500
75 Straitsville Rd, Famous Power Ent LLC to Roman, Erica J, 3/22, \$375,000

PUTNAM
3 Park Rd, 3 Park Road LLC to Vista Holdings LLC, 3/25, \$2,140,000
10 Market St, Ventetuolo Jr, John to Lacaire, Michael, 3/24, \$242,500
30 Smithfield Ave, US Bank NA Tr to Cianci, Edward A and Frechette, Raymond L, 3/23, \$182,222
41 Fairmount St, Richmond, Elaine to Gotheau, James, 3/23, \$120,000
104 Underwood Rd Lot 2, Callahan, Debra to Beattie, Charla, 3/24, \$299,900
284 S Main St, Baker, Mathieu R and J G Wentworth Hm Lending to RMF Properties LLC, 3/22, \$127,000
411 Walnut St, 411 Walnut Road RT and Nichols, Irene A to Younis, Nicholas J, 3/23, \$365,000

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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Orchard Hill, Eddy, David to Candidus, Maximilian, 3/25, \$25,000
Sunnyside Dr, Eddy, David to Candidus, Maximilian, 3/25, \$25,000
9 Heritage Cir, CNG Holdings LLC to Cardoza, Thomas J and Cardoza, Bettianne, 3/24, \$508,000
629 Riverside Dr, Prybyle, David and Sweet-Prybyla, Donna to Vear, Adam, 3/22, \$250,000
980 Quaddick Town Farm Rd, Medeiros, Donna to Simonelli, Joseph E and Simonelli, Daniel P, 3/23, \$132,500

TOLLAND

Shenipsit Lake Rd, Lajoie, James C and Lajoie, James to Ventura, Hildeberto, 3/24, \$230,000
27 Charlotte Dr, Lake, Kerri to Matos, Johnathan and Matos, Daysel, 3/22, \$459,900
80 Brookmoor Rd, Hornyack, John M and Hornyack, Lois K to Goel, Umang and Dumas, Kendall, 3/21, \$540,000
151 Torrey Rd, Rousey, Gregory R and Rousey, Kailee N to Rousey, Alfred E and Rousey, Linda M, 3/24, \$275,000

TORRINGTON

Highland Ave, Highwood Rehab Associates to Woodland Hills Community, 3/21, \$15,350,000
Westside Ln Lot 9, Akhtar, Parul to Suarez, Ramon, 3/25, \$22,000
32 Grove St, Penaranda, Jesus G to Espinoza, Jorge, 3/22, \$147,000
56 Alice St, Ouellette, Krystal L to Corey, Jamie A, 3/21, \$140,000
89 Millard St, Rylander 3rd, Richard S to Jenner, Thomas E, 3/21, \$150,000
94 Wadhams Ave, Haddad, Christopher and Haddad, Tina to Goldberg, Brandon, 3/21, \$240,000
97 N Chapel St, RXP Capital LLC to Pesantiez, Xavier S, 3/21, \$235,000
153 French St, Li, Zhenm Z to Tenezaca, Carlos, 3/21, \$215,000
167 Eastwood Rd, Miller, Michael G to Cattelan, Victoria, 3/24, \$230,000
171 Funston Ave, Simon, Robert T to Paulino, Adalis, 3/25, \$197,000
232 Klug Hill Rd, Zordan Sr, Gerald A to Greenstone Inv Inc, 3/21, \$1,900,000
234 Ledge Dr Lot 234, Barbara S Frew RET and Frey, Randi to Bleyer, Marc and Lerer, Lisa, 3/17, \$191,000
393 Riverside Ave, Gouthier, Jody A to PBR LLC, 3/23, \$78,000
500 Litchfield St, Stoughton, Jennifer C to Nadal, Raul, 3/22, \$165,000
523 Main St, Guo, Xin M and Guo, Xiyu M to Balmir, Rubens and Balmir, Kathryn M, 3/17, \$370,000
541 S Main St, Tekverk, Charles J and Tekverk, Karen A to Guartazaca, Nestor S and Viva, Maria I, 3/21, \$220,000
602 Torrington West St, Albreada Eleanor Est and Figueiral, Erica L to Albreada Sr, Robert F and Albreada-Garrity, E, 3/24, \$165,500
1949 Newfield Rd, Burke, Dallas J to Schilling, Jacob T, 3/22, \$249,000

TRUMBULL

13 Moorland Rd, Brace, John K and Brace, Andrea A to Okovic-Reid, Munira, 3/21, \$715,000
30 Cherry Gate Ln, Yu, Wang and Zhou, Aihua to Markle, Stephen C and Markle, Melanie, 3/21, \$905,000
35 Blackhouse Rd, Roxanne G Scalise RET and Scalise, Roxanne G to Feliz, Nelia, 3/22, \$622,500
51 Woodridge Cir, Watson, Thomas R and Watson, Kimberly A to Kim, Jungseung and Kim, Kyungae, 3/22, \$560,000
68 Limerick Rd, Sommer, Michele and Sommer, J Peter to Pattnaik, Priyam and Sodhi, Mishra, 3/22, \$875,000
83 Hurd Rd, Jiang, Shan to Leslie, Delroy and Alvarado, Jennifer, 3/21, \$485,000
103 Woodland Hills Dr Lot 103, Deleo, Lisa to Fratello Jr, Frank, 3/24, \$425,000
204 Tashua Rd, A Bodes Well LLC to Nayak, Sandeep and Borkar, Rachana, 3/22, \$659,900

5042 Main St, Mastri, Albert M to Zarlenga, Michael, 3/22, \$540,000

VOLUNTOWN

Brown Rd Lot 8, Pachaug Capital LLC to Ritzen, Peter S, 3/21, \$65,000
37 Bennett Cir, Chabot, Joellane and Chabot, Cynthia A to Chabot, Christopher J and Chabot, Angela, 3/22, \$312,500
38 Bennett Cir, Chabot, Joellane and Chabot, Cynthia A to Chabot, Christopher J and Chabot, Angela, 3/22, \$312,500

WALLINGFORD

9 Jennifer Ln, Amarante, Susan J to Opylec, Jonathan and Kopylec, Randy, 3/24, \$363,000
17 Summerhill Rd, Doonan, Karen A to LTC Bridge LLC, 3/22, \$240,000
27 Staffordshire, USA HUD to Daigle-Pacelli, Marissa, 3/23, \$152,000
30 Audette Dr, Touttoulos, Jean to Ragon, Pavea, 3/25, \$305,000
30 Grieb Rd, Nieves, Nicholas and Bocco, Michelle to Mensah, Nicholas, 3/22, \$425,000
35 Putter Dr Lot 35, Lowenstein, Russell W and Lowenstein, Laura E to Sultana, Taslima, 3/23, \$176,000
70 Parsons St, Baker, Hastings W to Lopez-Germosen, Francisco, 3/22, \$245,000
341 Church St, Maresca&Gasser RE LLC to 341 Church Street LLC, 3/22, \$200,000

WARREN

212 Woodville Rd, Filchak, Ellen H and Haddad, Vera C to Armington, Martha, 3/21, \$302,000

WASHINGTON

25 Kinney Hill Rd, Justamere LLC to Whitehall Const LLC, 3/25, \$235,000
39 Dark Entry Rd, Torti, Joanne to Bui, Thanh, 3/16, \$885,000
93 Nichols Hill Rd, Jeremiah Obrien RET and Obrien, Heather to Grandmotherose 25 LLC, 3/24, \$1,800,000

WATERBURY

Bella Vis Lot 2, Machado, Adilio to Yanchatipan, Fausto and Sanchez, Maria I, 3/25, \$117,000
7 Sunrise Nook, Vanamringe, Erika to MRD Custom Properties LLC, 3/21, \$150,000
11 Meriden Rd, 11 Meriden Road LLC to AE Wag Connecticut LLC, 3/25, \$7,961,165
19 Randolph Ave, Fogel, Karen and Benedek, William to Schmoockler, Sara and Schmoockler, Avrohom A, 3/22, \$450,000
20 Lone Oak Ave, Danise, Kathleen to Zosel, Rodolfo and Salazar, Rocio, 3/25, \$165,000
21 Harvard St, Castro, Azucena to Tenesaca, Segundo P, 3/21, \$260,000
23 Irion St, Garcia, Ramon to 23 Irion Street LLC, 3/24, \$225,000
24 Olena Ave, 142 S Cliff St LLC to Baret, Mirian A, 3/25, \$242,000
25 Malone St Lot 4, Jewett City SB to Wolfe, Angelo, 3/21, \$85,000
28 2nd Ave, Rabi, Yaakov to 28 2nd Avenue LLC, 3/25, \$180,000
35 Deerwood Ln Lot 1, Tavarez, Andy to Maisonet, Carmen and Maldonado, Manuel, 3/24, \$100,000
35 Deerwood Ln Lot 7, Sakyi, Robert and Sakyi, Hannah to Zayas, Jocelyn, 3/25, \$92,000
41 Farmwood Rd, Mcfarlin, Dean to Loja, Luis P and Loja, Maria L, 3/21, \$80,000
43 Middlesex St, Summa, William J to Walsh, Omar J, 3/22, \$191,000
45 Laurie Pl, Segura, Hernan and Segura, Yahaira to Santiago, Angel, 3/25, \$262,500
65 Collins St, USA HUD to Pina, Angel, 3/24, \$131,000
69 Bagley Ter, Grant, Howard J to Ortiz, Santa J, 3/21, \$205,000
74 Elmwood Ave, Sanchez, Ramon and Sanchez, Yleana P to Acevedo, Favio and Acevedo, Maria, 3/23, \$190,000
80 Rockledge Dr, Khouri, Paul N and Khouri, Caitlin B to Perez, Hector J, 3/24, \$205,000
100 Raymond St, Costa, Maria C and Costa, Julio P to Miller Street Prop LLC, 3/21, \$63,525
103 Hamden Ave Lot F, Paulino, Ben K and

Cruz, Fiordaliza M to Capri, Jayson, 3/25, \$117,500
105 Ridge St, Rodrigues, Antonio S to Saeteros, Ramon, 3/21, \$17,000
154 Franklin St, Adolphus, Alford J and Adolphus, Rookmani to Pomaquiza, Ambrosio J and Pomaquiza, Dolores, 3/21, \$140,000
252 Hill St, Mary O Testamentary T and Kusako, Herbert to Asa Building LLC, 3/21, \$70,000
252 Hill St, Cheryl Kusako T and Kusako, Cheryl to Asa Building LLC, 3/21, \$70,000
293 Gaylord Dr, Guerrero, Olga I to Pinnock, Shannia, 3/23, \$276,900
349 Chipman St Ext, Velez, Oscar to Acevedo, Edison C and Candelaria, Madelyn C, 3/25, \$110,000
479 Wilson St, Santiago, George to Wang, Kelly, 3/25, \$320,000
515 Scott Rd Lot 47, Kundra, Navnit and Kundra, Anika to Elie, Gregory and Lora, Constantina, 3/21, \$105,000
827 Oronoke Rd Lot 9-5, Lucarelli, Stephanie to Benvenuto 2nd, Brian P, 3/24, \$170,750
895 Hamilton Ave Lot 12, Chicano, Jason to Bullock, Tyrone, 3/24, \$75,000
909 Hamilton Ave Lot 4, Webster Bank to Garfield, Khristy C, 3/23, \$94,500
964 Baldwin St, Simoes, Maria N and Simoes, Jose S to Ferreira, Carlos, 3/21, \$180,000
1442 Hamilton Ave, Masek, Karen J and Krasowski, David E to Brito, Marco V and Arevalo, Laura B, 3/25, \$290,000

WATERFORD

42 Millstone Rd, Xu, Guoqi and Xu, Huiying to Mullen Jr, Terrence L, 3/22, \$395,000
93 Shore Rd, Macdonald, Karen K and Macdonald, William J to Kumor Jr, Richard M, 3/21, \$515,000
358 Mago Point Way, JLS Properties LLC to Mago Way Realty LLC, 3/23, \$425,000
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WATERTOWN

Cherry Ave, Nixon Jr, Kevin T and Jean, Justin to Guerrero Props, 3/25, \$250,000
French St, Mancini, Nicola and Mancini, Roseann D to Tna RE Group LLC, 3/24, \$436,500
Sunset Ave, Hamel, Marcie A to Sharpe, Jacob and Zabawar, Lindsay, 3/21, \$232,000
26 Barbara Ln, Donorfio, Steven to Colby, David and Colby, Linda M, 3/24, \$325,000
29 Steele Brook Rd, Damore, Jennifer to Ciminea, Matthew P and Valletta, Kimberly M, 3/25, \$312,000
45 Pepperidge Tree Rd, Colaninno, Joseph R and Loancare LLC to Dedie, Renald, 3/22, \$251,200
51 Bruce St, Mitchell Jr, Donald W to Beverly, Beverly A, 3/25, \$285,000
57 Falls Ave, Falls Ave LLC to Afzal, Ayesha and Andoh, Kwaku, 3/21, \$266,000
76 French Mountain Rd, US Bank NA Tr to Daniele, Christopher and Daniele, Sheran, 3/25, \$780,000
89 Hungerford Ave, Ouellet, Louis and Ouellet, Gayle to Scanlon, Holly, 3/25, \$112,000
170 Westbury Park Rd Lot A4, Gross, Alan to Yang, Changli, 3/21, \$90,000
201 Pond View Dr, Ammirata, Rachel Y to Lebel, Stephanie and Lebel, Dustin, 3/25, \$486,000
245 Cherry Ave Lot G15, Moliterno, Jason J to Valenta, Jessica, 3/24, \$150,000
437 Riverside St, Ouellet, Andrew to Scanlon, Holly, 3/25, \$102,000

WEST HARTFORD

Sidney Ave, Gomez, Jose G and Gomez, Noelia Y to Bernhardt, Derik and Carela, Madeline, 3/16, \$240,000
Vincent St, Vaccaro, Dominic A to Tweed NE LLC, 3/17, \$465,000
14 Grassmere Ave, 2021 Grassmere LLC to North Point Mgmt LLC, 3/22, \$215,000
27 Crabbapple Rd, Wardle, Jonathan S to Stickler, Ryan, 3/22, \$340,000
31 Robin Rd Lot 201, Havlicek, Brian to Zier, Sean, 3/24, \$200,000
32 Robin Rd Lot 2, Nguyen, Oanh K to SDZ Associates LLC, 3/23, \$208,000
34 Selldan St, Godaj, Gentian to Curry,

Davon, 3/21, \$200,000
38 N Main St Lot 8, Liebowitz, Neil R and Ross, Judith L to West Hartford LLC, 3/24, \$119,900
44 Claybar Dr, Oshea, Maurice M and Oshea, Laura A to Hintz, Eric and Hintz, Soraya, 3/21, \$775,000
94 Iroquois Rd, Sobczak, Brian R to Eldin, Joan, 3/23, \$330,000
100 Quaker Ln N, Condon, Emmett S to Armstrong, Billy L and Armstrong, Amanda C, 3/22, \$435,000
101 White Ave, Bonczek, Matthew F to Presutti, Jackie and Rowe, John, 3/21, \$315,000
163 Mayflower St, Fournier, Jonathan M to Berry, William E and Peguero, Francys A, 3/24, \$215,000
277 Auburn Rd, Hanover, Allyson F to Watkins, Ben and Watkins, Mary, 3/24, \$375,000
30 Crest Ave, Kenney, John to Melendez, Desiree, 3/22, \$320,000
40 Malby Ave, Corris, Brett C to Dawkins, Tiara K, 3/17, \$264,900
41 Jones Hill Rd Lot 108, Griffin, Victoria and Griffin Jr, Thomas M to Morgan, Mark J, 3/18, \$85,000
41 Sorenson Rd, Bank Of New York Mellon to Goondall, Sheraz, 3/17, \$256,000
53 Elm St, Cobbinah, Giftly to Flores, Maria, 3/25, \$255,000
89 Coleman St Lot 411, Smith, Tracey L to Yae Real Estate Hldg LLC, 3/22, \$100,000
106 Chestnut St, Viswanathan, Vijay to Koskovich, Benaiah J and Mukhataiev, Mykhailo, 3/21, \$350,000
122 Peck Ave, Burton, Frank to Zhou, Shu Y and Trzcinski, Esward J, 3/22, \$549,000
124 Peck Ave, Burton, Frank to Zhou, Shu Y and Trzcinski, Esward J, 3/22, \$549,000
126 Peck Ave, Burton, Frank to Zhou, Shu Y and Trzcinski, Esward J, 3/22, \$549,000
153 Bull Hill Ln Lot 111, Calvo, Anthony to Sawhney, Chirjeev, 3/17, \$102,000
160 Forest Rd, Vazquez, Luis and Vazquez, Glorian to Paramount Property Group, 3/21, \$275,000
216 W Walk Lot 216, Aferzon, Ruslana to Bronson, Paul M, 3/22, \$306,000
254 Terrace Ave Lot A3, Martin, Jeremiah T to Watler, Karin and Watler, Patrick, 3/18, \$90,000

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254 Terrace Ave Lot A3, Martin, Jeremiah T to Watler, Karin and Watler, Patrick, 3/18, \$90,000

WESTBROOK

Old Clinton Rd, Christo Jr, Jose S and Christo, Kathleen S to USA, 3/23, \$180,000

WESTON

1 Joanne Ln, Mcglone, Michael and Mcglone, Susan M to Daly, Briana and Daly, James, 3/22, \$1,100,000
29 Spruce Hill Rd, Anderson Albert O Est and Anderson, Gary A to Masterson, Samuel F, 3/22, \$465,000
223 Godfrey Rd E, Armijo, Cynthia S and Armijo, Anthony R to Mangal, Vanie and Phelan, Kenneth, 3/21, \$575,000

WESTPORT

9 Sturges Grains, Panzer, Alan and Panzer, Judy to Crnn&Salt LLC, 3/22, \$1,450,000
24 Meadow View Dr, Katz, Erica to Jonathan A Sternchos LT and Sternchos, Jonathan A, 3/21, \$3,300,000
30 Hyde Ln, Messenger, David R and Messenger, Ana C to 32 Hyde Lane LLC, 3/22, \$3,650,000
140 Easton Rd, Holoubek-Sebok, Thomas L and Holoubek-Sebok, E A to Bottner, Mattias and Bottner, Leah, 3/22, \$1,960,000

WETHERSFIELD

25 Ridge Rd Lot 25, Barbara A Mcinerney LT and Clarke, Maureen to Mudallige, Nipuna L and Jayasooriya, Thairindi M, 3/25, \$195,000
27 Greenfield St, Malinowski Gloria J Est and

Malinowski, C J to Steinson, Erica E, 3/22, \$260,000
38 Goodwin Ave, Arena, Linda D to Mejias-Wasyil, Brandon and Gil, Monica, 3/22, \$160,000
46 Hart St, Giannini, Stephen J and Giannini, Sheryll E to Triton Investment Grp LLC, 3/21, \$160,000
63 Wilmont St, Ingriselli, Francis T and Ingriselli, Monica C to Quadrato, Michelle, 3/25, \$168,500
103 Crest St, Leppert, Paul B to Eppich, Tyler J and Eppich, Emily T, 3/25, \$360,000
449 Silas Deane Hwy, Wethersfield Holdings LLC to ADC Holdings NE LLC, 3/24, \$1,005,000

WILLINGTON

32 Hancock Rd, Pham Vu LLC to Bassett, Samantha R, 3/25, \$200,000
68 Schofield Rd, Mattioli, Joshua to Awad, Moustafa and Awad, Jessica, 3/24, \$265,000

WILTON

33 Whipple Rd, Anderson, John E and Anderson, Renee M to Januar, Jeepy and Liu, Yubi, 3/23, \$890,999
34 Village Ct Lot 34, Amendola, Lidia to Kazer, Ross S and Kazer, Vicki W, 3/23, \$387,500
34 Village Ct Lot 34, Amendola, Gregory A and McGhee, Sabrina to Kazer, Ross S and Kazer, Vicki W, 3/23, \$387,500
42 Mountain Rd, Piedmont, Mark J and Piedmont, Karen A to Elrod, Christopher P and Elrod, Amy M, 3/24, \$615,000
62 Cedar Rd, Powell Jane Est and Elynn, Lois to Wessendorf, Jill, 3/24, \$675,000
152 Cannon Rd, Cassidy, Kathryn A to Quatela, Linda and Quatela, Vito, 3/22, \$1,750,000
372 Olmstead Hill Rd, Castro, Magdalena L to Xizowei-Wu, Connie, 3/22, \$570,000

WINCHESTER

8 Manchester Hts, Violante, Teresa M to Humphrey, Kassidy H and Mollo, Antonio S, 3/25, \$187,000
45 Elm St, Jensen, Peggy A and Saunders, Scott to D&D Terryville LLC, 3/24, \$300,000
169 West Rd, Beecher Barry K Est and Whiting, Kelley A to Beecher, Kingsley W, 3/21, \$200,000

WINDHAM

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10 Scherer Ln, Stewart, Keith and Stewart, Sybil to Bonomi, Marilyn A, 3/17, \$260,000
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23 Grace St, Ramos, Hector M and Ramos, Glenda F to Equity T Co and Hardrick Jr, Daniel M, 3/18, \$156,000
32 Old Village Cir, Village Builders LLC to Zanghi, Mark and Zanghi, Jany, 3/25, \$456,054
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Want kids to love gardening? Start early

Encourage them as their teacher by giving them jobs to do, being patient

By Jeff Lowenfels
Associated Press

Gardeners are made, not born. If you want your children to become enthusiastic gardeners, take steps early to get them going down the proverbial path. It isn't difficult, but it might require an adjustment to your attitude about children in the garden. The first step is to pique your child's interest in plants. This is getting more difficult because of competition from screens. A trip to a plant nursery or two where your child can literally smell the flowers should do the trick. The plants will stimulate the interest. Next, let your kid buy a plant. I still remember the lantana start, barely a rooted cutting, that my dad helped me choose when I was 6. That plant set the hook. Its first flowers reeled me in.

Children imitate adults

If your child is not old enough to care for a plant by herself, you are there to teach and assist. This may be the best way to get children into gardening: letting them see how much you enjoy working plants. Children imitate adults. (How do you think they learned to use those electronic screens?) Another great hook to lead young people into gardening is to have them grow plants from seed. This is particularly effective when the plants are things they like to eat. Carrots are favorites. So are tomatoes and even radishes, though these have pretty small seeds, and you don't want to frustrate the kids. If they can't handle the seeds, have them fill the flats with damp soil. Show them how to water and

place labels and provide the right light. Of course, there are plenty of seeds big enough for little fingers to pick up and plant. Marigolds, cosmos, zinnias, sunflowers, corn, peas and beans fit this bill. They are all also easy to start in containers as well as directly into the garden's soil. Don't forget that children like responsibility. Find a gardening chore that fits their age and is just for them. My first garden job was (at age 5) was deadheading dandelion flowers into a bucket. When my own kids insisted on being underfoot in the garden, I gave them worm-hunting licenses and put them to work. Only a licensee could collect worms. They were gardeners from that moment on, and soon graduated to chickweed collecting and deadheading my own dandelions.

Have a proper attitude

Most important, however, is to have the proper attitude as head gardener and teacher. Learning is about making mistakes, and with gardening that means stepping on plants, pulling things that aren't weeds, and accidentally spraying your father with the hose. As a parent (or grandparent or neighbor), "go with the flow," lest you put your child off from gardening forever. I remember working to clean up plants the night before a local garden club's tour of our long, raised flower bed. I didn't realize my 4-year-old was following along behind me, "helping" by removing all (and I mean all) of the flowers. I could have snapped, and trust me, as the town's garden columnist I was plenty angry and upset. Instead, I took a deep



Giving kids a task in the garden, like harvesting berries, is a good way to encourage their interest. **JEFFLOWENFELS/AP**

breath, went inside, and collected lots of bottles and jars. We made beautiful floral displays and placed

them all around the naked plants. The story and the lesson imparted were what visi-

tors took home from that tour. Because of a little attitude adjustment on my part, 40 years later,

my daughter still loves to garden. And she is pretty good at floral arranging, too.

Residents pay price as mobile home parks sell

By **Sophie Kasakove**
The New York Times

GOLDEN, Colo. — When Sarah Clement moved to the Golden Hills mobile home park two years ago, she felt like she had won the lottery. After years of squeezing into one-bedroom apartments, her 7-year-old son finally settled into his own bedroom, his toys splayed out in the yard and his school just at the edge of the park.

Clement loved the friendliness of her neighbors and getting to watch the sun rise over the scrubby mesa to her east and set behind the foothills of the Rocky Mountains to the west. And living there was affordable on her salary as an athletic trainer: After purchasing the manufactured home, the rent for the plot it sits on was just \$625 a month.

But just six months after she moved in, the plot of land and all of the stability and comfort that came with it seemed suddenly ripped out from under her.

The Colorado couple that had owned the park for years put it up for sale. Clement and her neighbors knew that if the park was taken over by one of the big manufactured-housing operators who were buying up parks all over the state, the rents would dramatically increase.

“It was like this deflated feeling of, oh my god, I thought we had it — I thought this was where our roots were going to be,” Clement said.

Across the country, manufactured-housing park residents like Clement are finding their homes at the center of a bull’s-eye, as a deluge of investment companies expand their mobile-home park portfolios at a breakneck pace, threatening the stability of one of the nation’s few remaining sources of affordable housing.

Residents of Golden Hills got organized. They formed a cooperative to offer to buy the park themselves and were on track to obtain financing from ROC USA Capital, which supports resident-owned communities across the country.

For months, they were full of hope. The three-block stretch of beige single- and double-wide homes bustled with community meetings; residents distributed flyers. Local politicians rallied around them, and the city voted to zone the park for manufactured-home use only.



Sarah Clement and her son are pictured March 8 at their home in the Golden Hills mobile home park in Golden, Colorado.
RACHEL WOOLF/THE NEW YORK TIMES

But to no avail: In July, the owners rejected their initial offer and a higher one a few months later, and sold the park instead to Harmony Communities, a manufactured-home operator with 5,000 residents in 33 parks across the western United States. The company quickly proved the Golden Hills residents’ fears correct, applying 50% rent increases and issuing a 12-page, single-spaced list of new park rules.

A spokesperson for Harmony Communities, George Antypas, defended the rent increase, noting that the new rents were still below those at similar

parks nearby. “We believe in charging a fair market rent,” Antypas said, adding that the additional revenue would go toward repair costs and that there were need-based subsidies available from the city.

Then, just a month after purchasing the park, the company offered to sell it to the residents. Once again, though, the deal fell through, when the company declined the residents’ offer in January.

Facing both the rent increases and the cost of altering their homes to comply with the park’s new rules, residents are rushing to search for other

housing but finding few if any options in Golden, a booming town just west of Denver. At an apartment complex up the road, one-bedroom units start at \$2,400 a month, almost \$1,000 more than Clement said she paid for the same size apartment there in 2018.

Industry leaders are blunt about the business model: According to materials for a “boot camp” for aspiring mobile home park investors prepared by Mobile Home University, which is run by two of the largest mobile home park owners in the country, “the fact that tenants can’t

afford the \$5,000 it costs to move a mobile home keeps revenues stable and makes it easy to raise rents without losing any occupancy.”

Real Capital Analytics, a market research firm, said in a June 2021 report that investors had accounted for 23% of manufactured housing purchases over the previous two years, up from 13% in the two years before that. That has made the investors among the country’s largest landlords. About 22 million people live in manufactured homes in the United States, according to the Manufactured Housing Institute, a national trade organization.

Fannie Mae said manufactured housing represents more than 6% of the nation’s housing units.

When the Sans Souci mobile home park near Boulder’s scenic Flatirons was purchased by a corporate landlord in 2018, residents weren’t given a chance to make an offer. It wasn’t until residents received a notification of new rules attached to their door that they learned the park had even been put up for sale, according to a resident.

Under the ownership of the company, Strive Communities, the park raised rents by 12% and issued new rules for park maintenance instructing residents to remove years of collected art and decorations from their yards.

According to Strive Communities, the rent increases were intended to bring rates closer to market rate, and the company invested nearly \$1 million in park improvements.

The residents went to their elected representatives, calling for legislation that would require park owners to give residents notice when they intended to sell, a provision called an “opportunity to purchase” requirement. Gov. Jared Polis signed the requirement into Colorado law in 2020, and similar laws are on the books in other states.

But in the two years since Colorado’s opportunity-to-purchase law went into effect, only Sans Souci and two other parks have been sold to residents. In 20 cases, park owners failed to notify residents in compliance with the law before selling, according to data from the state Department of Local Affairs. In others, residents were notified but struggled to coalesce quickly enough to make a purchase offer.

State Rep. Andrew Boesenecker’s home city of Fort Collins has seen a flurry of park sales in the past few years.

He says the opportunity-to-purchase law doesn’t go far enough.

In legislation introduced recently, Boesenecker proposes requiring park owners to allow residents or a local government to make the first offer. The bill would also limit rent increases to 3% a year. Another bill is being drafted that would give residents access to a loan fund that would help them compete with private equity firms, many of which receive government-sponsored financing to purchase parks.

Can home prices and interest rates soar at the same time?

By **Emily Badger** and **Quoctrung Bui**
The New York Times

It’s getting more expensive by the moment to buy a home in America. Mortgage interest rates, historically low during most of the pandemic, are rising faster than they have in decades. And that is on top of home prices that have soared across the country over the past two years.

Put the two trends together, and the impending monthly mortgage payment for homebuyers — combining principal and interest payments — is really taking off.

In February, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association, the median monthly payment on a new mortgage application in America jumped more than 8% in just one month. That

spike points to an entirely new and unpredictable phase in what has been a jaw-dropping housing market.

In normal times, rising mortgage rates are supposed to help cool housing prices. But it is possible for now that both measures will keep charging ahead together, making it increasingly expensive to buy a home.

“There are so many strange things going on right now,” said Edward Seiler, associate vice president for housing economics at the Mortgage Bankers Association.

It has been 40 years since rates have risen like this alongside similar home price growth and high inflation. This time around, the United States also has a severe housing shortage. And then there is a new

and uncertain dynamic: the sudden rise of working from home, which has the potential to change what homebuyers want and where they live.

“Nobody really knows what’s going to happen over the next year,” Seiler said.

That makes it hard to predict when rates might start to act as a brake on rising prices.

Among a subset of mortgages backed by Freddie Mac, the monthly payment that new buyers are making has risen more steeply since the start of the pandemic than at any time in the past 25 years.

“That shows you the compounding artifact of both rising rates and rising home prices,” said Sam Khater, chief economist at Freddie Mac. “We’ve had episodes of each in the past — but not this intense for



Rising mortgage rates and soaring home prices are making it

both.”

Early in the pandemic, falling mortgage rates enabled rising home prices — and offset them in monthly mortgage payments that remained steady through much of 2020. But with both measures rising at the same time, monthly payments can escalate quickly, as they have in Sun Belt and Mountain West states in particular.

Rates and home prices could well continue rising

together for a number of reasons tied to high inflation. Rents are soaring now, too. That means the alternative to buying is not particularly appealing, either. And in a time of high inflation, buying a home — and locking in today’s monthly payment for the next 30 years — is a good way to shield yourself from rising rents.

“I don’t see a lot of concern from my buyers,” said Beth Abeita, a Redfin real estate agent in Austin,

Texas, where home prices rose an astounding 30% in 2021.

There is a logic to going all-out in bidding for scarce housing right now before it gets worse, Abeita said.

“Interest rates are not going to rise any longer for you,” she said of those who have secured a house. “You’re not going to pay even higher prices in three months. What you think you’re overpaying for today will be a deal in a few months because everything is increasing so rapidly.”

That touches on another reason that demand probably is not cooling yet: The expectation of higher rates to come may drive a surge in buyers trying to get ahead of them now.

Exacerbating all of these challenges, there has been underbuilding in the United States for years.

“Higher rates don’t solve any of that,” Khater said. “It might bring the market a little more in balance — modestly more in balance — but it doesn’t solve the fundamental issue.”

Yellow

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Yellow can be neutral, pastel or fully saturated depending on your tastes, which allows for it to be incorporated into many different looks. This cheerful and uplifting color pairs well with whites, pinks, browns, grays, blues, greens

and reds (whew! I need to take a breath!) and gives any room a stunning glow. Yellow can be a loud statement or a soft whisper, though you know me — I always think more is more. One place that is perfect for a splash of sunshine is in your upholstery. A statement chair is a wonderful spot for a pop of color and energy. While it might

The possibilities when it comes to bold and beautiful colors are truly endless.

seem a big risk to go big and bright, a bright chair can always be tempered with a throw blanket, pillow

or tray, so incorporate it throughout the seasons and your changing tastes. Of course, this works the other way around, too — have a neutral chair but want to spice it up? Add your pop of yellow with a throw pillow or blanket instead of committing to an entirely new piece.

Of course, easing into yellow is always an option

as well. Many patterned fabrics feature subtle hints of yellow that can be brought out into a space. It might not be the main hue in your textile, but it can still be a powerful addition to your space when enhanced with throw pillows, vases and even artwork. These small tweaks can bring yellow into any room in your home

from the powder room to the living room, to a stunning and cheerful bedroom.

The possibilities when it comes to bold and beautiful colors are truly endless and they make for some very exciting hues with which to experiment. So don’t be afraid to be bold and bring whatever bright colors speak to you into your home. It is well worth it!

ASK THE BUILDER

Now is the time to install brick patio or sidewalk

By Tim Carter
Tribune Content Agency

There's something soothing about brick patios and sidewalks, which is something I learned while installing a patio for my dear, departed mother-in-law. It was 50 years ago, before I was married, when my future mother-in-law let me build a private patio in her backyard using deep-red paving brick.

This patio was nestled under the shade of two giant maple trees that were up on a lawn supported by a small brick retaining wall her husband had built 15 years earlier. The patio was the perfect size, measuring 10 feet by 16 feet. A 30-inch-wide walkway made of the same brick connected the patio to the driveway apron.

The trouble was that her husband, a general-practice physician, was far too busy going back to medical school at age 55. Medical practice was compartmentalizing in the early 1970s, and he knew he needed to be board certified in anesthesia to follow his passion. Thinking that I could help increase the odds of winning their daughter's hand in marriage, I volunteered to do build the patio and sidewalk. My future mother-in-law immediately took me up on the offer.

She had seen a photo in a magazine of the kind of patio she wanted. In the article that went with the photo, all it said was to install the brick over a bed of compacted sand with some Portland cement in it. That was the extent of my plans and specifications!

My future mother-in-law went to a local brick supplier that had both new and recycled brick. She selected a recycled special paving brick meant to be placed horizontally in the ground. Not all bricks can handle this wear. The issue was there was still some mortar on the brick, and I had to hand chisel



This brick plaza has been in service for many decades in harsh New England weather. **TIM CARTER/TNS**

it all off. The proportion of the bricks was perfect, such that you could create a herringbone pattern. In other words, the brick measured exactly 4 inches wide by 8 inches long. They were $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches thick.

I dug out all the soil, I got help from my future father-in-law one afternoon installing a string to ensure the edge of the walkway and patio would be in a straight line, and two weeks later the patio was finished. My future mother-in-law was beaming with happiness! My plan worked, and my wish was granted to marry my high school sweetheart.

That patio was still in exceptional shape 45 years later! It would still be usable today if an investor who purchased the house hadn't ripped out the

patio to install a dark gray stamped-concrete patio in its place.

My second attempt at a brick paving job ended in disaster. I was busy building my construction company. We bought a stunning old five-bedroom home, and my darling wife wanted a curved brick sidewalk from the front porch to the driveway.

I could only work on it in the evenings and on weekends, so I decided to take a shortcut. I simply dug a pathway about 6 inches deep, put some sand down, compacted it, and then laid on the sand a 1.5-inch-thick paving brick. It looked superb.

But I noticed that if you stepped on the edge bricks, they'd tilt and drift into the grass.

Then the sugar ants took

over. Each day I'd notice small mounds of sand the ants would bring to the surface as they built their underground nests. It was a nightmare and a complete and utter failure. My wife said to rip it out and do it right.

I then did some research and discovered that you could build a brick patio or sidewalk that would not only last for many decades but would also remain perfectly smooth. My mother-in-law hadn't wanted the smooth look. She wanted her patio to have very slight undulations in the brick so it looked as if the patio and walkway had been in for 200 years. My new bride wanted a smooth look.

Fortunately, a year earlier I had a conversation with a retired master mason who shared with me how

to get cement stucco to bond permanently to new concrete. He had built hundreds of stucco exterior stairs in his career. He told me his method was also the best way to bond brick to horizontal concrete.

To ensure my new front sidewalk would not fail, I removed all the brick pavers and salvaged them. I then dug out the sand and saved it too. I did have to sift it and clean it for use in my second attempt.

I then dug the pathway deeper so I could install a poured concrete pathway with half-inch steel bars in it. The steel rods ensured the concrete would not crack and separate. I then mixed up cement mortar with hydrated lime added to the mix. The old mason told me to use cement paint as an extra adhesive to

ensure the mortar would not separate from the concrete slab.

It worked so well that I built a stunning patio in the back of this house with sloping terraced steps to get to it.


I then did the same thing at my last new home, constructing two huge patios.

All of this work looks as good today as the day I installed it, and it's decades old!

I've prepared detailed how-to instructions with illustrations showing how to do the two time-tested brick installation methods. Included are all the recipes for the mortar, cement paint and lots of tips so you can create stunning brick sidewalks and patios. You can find them at [GO.
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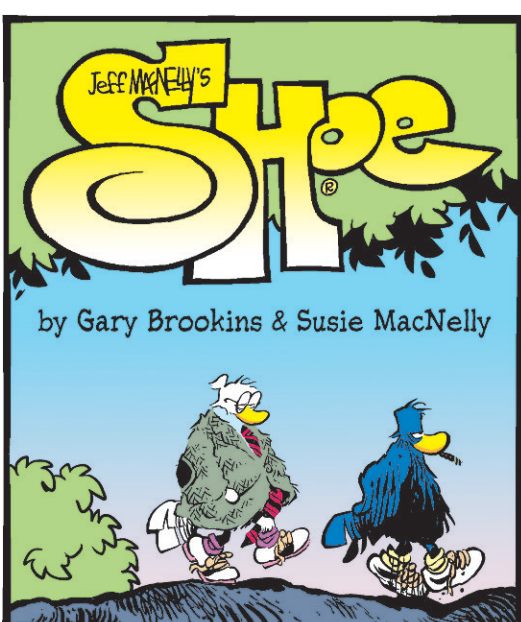
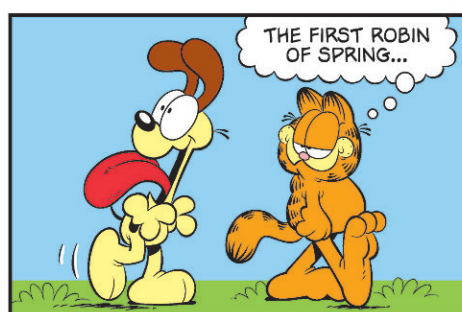
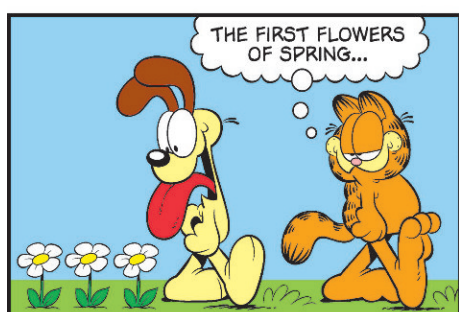
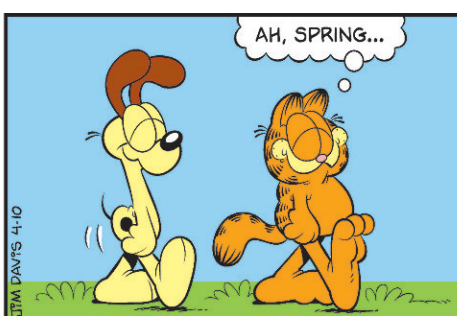
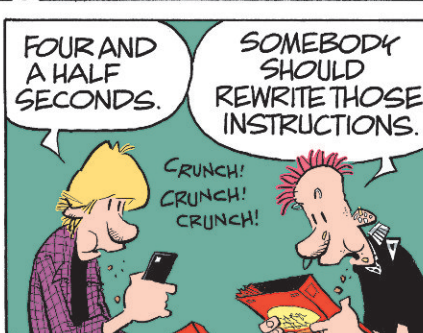
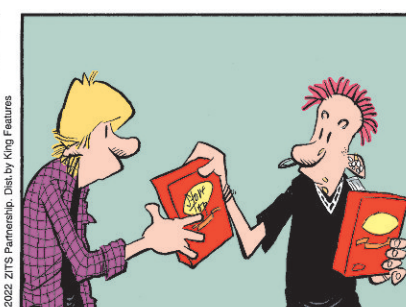
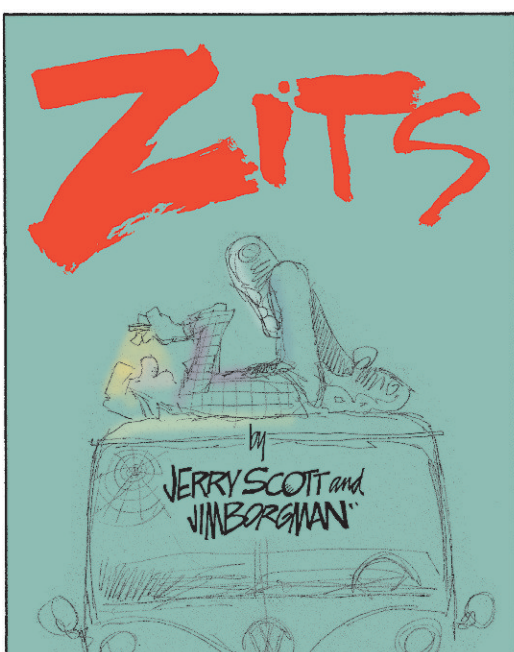
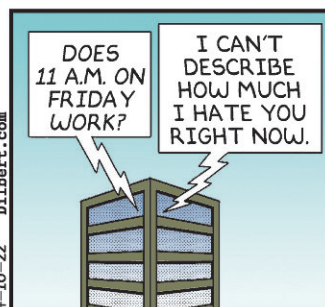
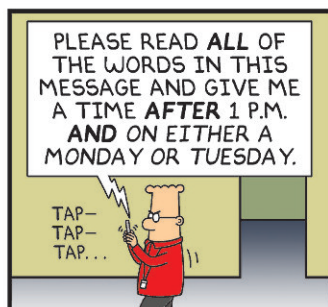
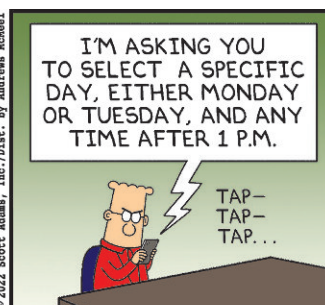
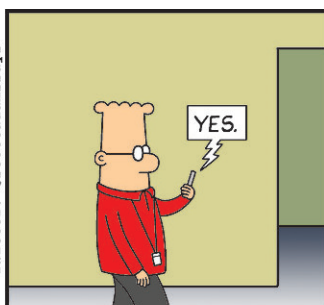
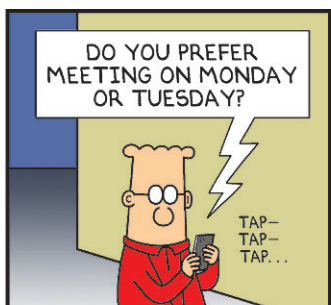
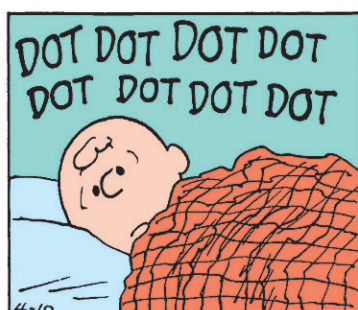
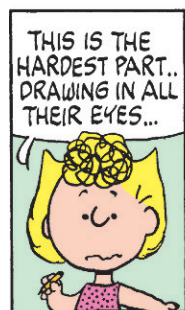
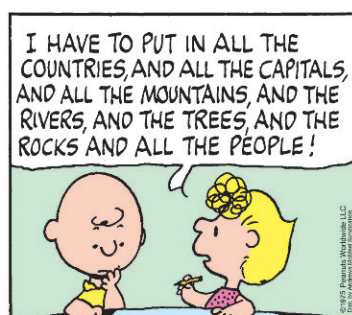
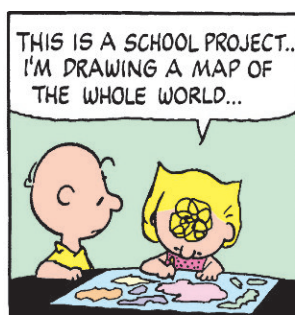
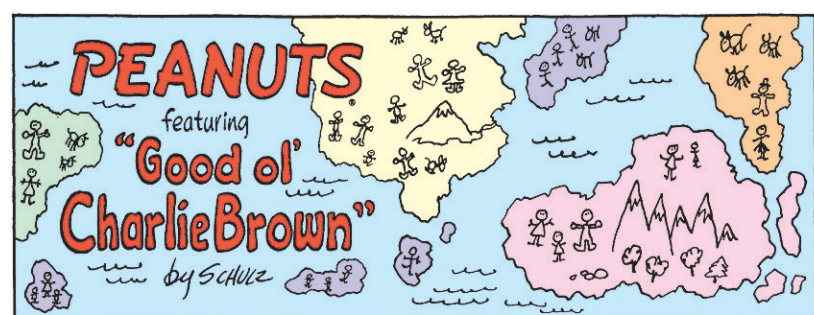
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OUR TOUR GUIDE FROM VERBIEB IS COMPLETELY BLIND.

HAAS IS BLIND?

NO WAY, JOE.

FOR BETTER FOR WORSE

By SYNN JOHANSON

WHATCHA DOING, DAD?

FIGURING OUT HOW MUCH INCOME TAX WE OWE.

TICKA TICKA TICK

ISN'T THAT ALREADY PAID WHEN YOU BUY STUFF?

HE TOOK ALL OF US SIGHTSEEING!

AND WE ALL SAW HOW INCREDIBLE HE IS ON SKIS!

NOW IT ALL MAKES SENSE...

IT DOES?

THAT'S EXTRA, LIZ! THAT'S SALES TAX! ON TOP OF THAT, THERE ARE FEDERAL TAXES, PROVINCIAL TAXES, MUNICIPAL TAXES...

THERE ARE TAXES ON JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING... AND SOME TAXES WE PROBABLY DON'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT!

FOR EVERY DOLLAR WE EARN, WE PAY OVER 50¢ TO THE GOVERNMENT.

GOSH!

YES! REMEMBER THE DAY WE RENTED JEEPS AND DROVE INTO TOWN?

WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY TO ELIZABETH?

... I WAS EXPLAINING THE FACTS OF LIFE.

Hi and Lois

by BRIAN and GREG WALKER

YOU HAD A VERY GOOD YEAR...

AND YOU'RE GETTING A HUGE REFUND.

YOU FINISHED YOUR TAXES EARLY.

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I COULDN'T FIND A SINGLE MISTAKE.

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DAD IS DOING THE TAXES...

SO WHY IS HE SMILING?

I THINK HE FELL ASLEEP.

DOONESBURY

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GREAT T-T-TAKE, STIGMA! ONE FOR THE... AGES!

THAT'S ON PURPOSE, MAN - IT'S GOING IN THE SHOW!

WHO... WHO'S P-PAYING FOR THAT, STIG?

IT'S A GOFUNDME PLAY! WE'RE GONNA BOOK IT INTO VEGAS AND LET IT RUN FOREVER!

THEN WE'LL JUST RETIRE - KICK BACK WHILE OUR VIRTUAL BAD SELVES ARE OUT THERE CRUSHING IT!

IT'LL BE OUR LEGACY, MAN!

YEAH! LONG AFTER WE'RE GONE, WE'LL BE RECALLED AS... LIKE...

FRAZZ

BY JEF MALLETT

LEARN ANYTHING GOOD YET TODAY?

I AM ABOUT TO LEARN NOT TO CRITICIZE THE LUNCHES MY MOM MAKES FOR ME.

UH OH. IS THAT YOUR LUNCH THERE?

IT SEEMS TO BE MORE OF A LUNCH KIT.

ALL THE INGREDIENTS, KITCHEN UTENSILS AND SOME INCREDIBLY DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS.

WHICH, NOT THAT THIS IS MORE CRITICIZING, HAVE TO HAVE TAKEN LONGER TO WRITE THAN MAKING MY LUNCH.

OH, BUT I BET SHE ENJOYED EVERY MINUTE.

NUMBER THREE DOESN'T EVEN HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH FOOD.

MUTTS

BY PATRICK M'DONNELL

THERE'S A SHOW?

YOU DIDN'T HEAR, BRO? WE'RE PRODUCING A HOLOGRAM CONCERT, LIKE WHITNEY HOUSTON!

OOOH

I THINK I FELT A RAINDROP.

SOME SAY

THAT RAINDROPS ARE TEARS FROM HEAVEN.

WHO... WHO'S P-PAYING FOR THAT, STIG?

IT'S A GOFUNDME PLAY! WE'RE GONNA BOOK IT INTO VEGAS AND LET IT RUN FOREVER!

WHAT DID YOU DO?!

REX MORGAN

BY TERRY BEATTY

DR. MORGAN'S NEW PATIENT IS SUFFERING FROM A ROTATOR CUFF INJURY, AND HAS AN UNUSUAL SECRET.

I CAN'T LET THIS INJURY KEEP ME FROM MY DUTIES.

I'LL JUST HAVE TO BE CAREFUL AND HOPE I DON'T ENCOUNTER ANY VIOLENCE ON TONIGHT'S PATROL.

INJURED OR NOT, I MUST UPHOLD MY OATH TO PROTECT THE STREETS OF GLENWOOD.

THAT NIGHT.

THIS ONE'S LOCKED, TOO. PEOPLE ARE TOO CAREFUL THESE DAYS.

IS THAT YOUR CAR?

MOTHER GOOSE GRAM

SO, MZ. GOOSE, TELL ME ALL THE LOCAL SCANDALS WHILE I WAS AWAY.

MY DEAR MISS CAMPBELL...

WHILE YOU ARE AWAY, THERE ARE NO LOCAL SCANDALS

TOTAL JACK-ASSES.

SHHH! AS L-LIVING LEGENDS?

EXACTAMUNDO! WE DON'T WANT TO BE DEFINED BY DEATH!

YOU GET US, MAN.

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

OH, WISE ASS ON THE HILL, WHO I RESPECT SO MUCH, IS IT TRUE THAT NEWS BROADCASTS WERE ONCE REQUIRED TO BE HONEST?

YES, IT WAS CALLED THE 'FAIRNESS DOCTRINE,' AND IT REQUIRED BROADCASTERS TO PRESENT ISSUES OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE IN A MANNER THAT WAS HONEST AND BALANCED.

AND WHAT HAPPENED?

THE GOVERNMENT GOT RID OF IT.

AND DID THAT MATTER IN TERMS OF PEOPLE GETTING RELIABLE INFORMATION?

IT'S ONE OF THE COMMUNIST DONKEYS USING PIZZA TO MICROCHIP OUR TOES!

DONKEYS ARE NO-GOOD COMMUNISTS.

I'LL TWEET THAT.

NO TOES FOR FOES!

BY STEPHAN PASTIS

ROSE IS ROSE

By Pat Brady & Don Wimmer

NO KITTIES ON THE KITCHEN COUNTER!

WHEN ONE OF MY NAPS GETS INTERRUPTED, I'M TIRED FOR THE REST OF THE DAY.

AHEM.

Non Sequitur

by Wiley

EARLY ART APPRECIATION

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WHOA! LOOK AT THAT... HE INVENTED THE BUCKET!

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FoxTrot

WHY ARE YOU WATCHING BEGINNER GOLF VIDEOS?

I'VE COME UP WITH A BRILLIANT PLAN.

WITH PHIL MICKELSON TAKING "TIME AWAY" FROM THE PGA TOUR, THERE'S NOW AN OPENING FOR A MIDDLE-AGED-AND-NOT-QUITE-SKINNY GUY LIKE ME TO TAKE HIS SPOT.

DAD, I'VE GOLFGED WITH YOU. NO OFFENSE, BUT YOU'RE AWFUL.

YES, BUT THAT WAS ME PLAYING RIGHT-HANDED. TO REPLACE PHIL, I'LL BE PLAYING LEFT-HANDED. I'M A COMPLETELY BLANK SLATE ON THAT SIDE. WITH PROPER INSTRUCTION, WHO KNOWS? I COULD BE AMAZING!

WHICH REMINDS ME, I'LL NEED TO BUY A SET OF LEFTY CLUBS.

DOES "BRILLIANT" HAVE A DEFINITION I'M NOT AWARE OF?

I SHOULD PROBABLY PUT THEM ON A CREDIT CARD YOUR MOTHER DOESN'T SEE...

BALDO

HEY! HEY! HEY!

HA! HA! HA! HA!

BY GANTU AND CASTELLANOS

Hal Foster's **Prince Valiant**

BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

MORGAN WAS PREPARED TO SACRIFICE HIMSELF TO SUMMON THE DARK FORCES EAGER TO COLLECT HER DEBT. BUT SHE WOULD RATHER LIVE, AND IS MORE THAN HAPPY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SPEAR SHAFT THAT VAL EXTENDS.

... BEFORE GRABBING WASSA'S DISCARDED SPEAR, AND LAUNCHING HIMSELF OVER THE BRIDGE DECK, IN THE ROILING WATERS BELOW, MORGAN CLINGS DESPERATELY TO A PIER.

"YOU REALIZE," VAL SPUTTERS, "THIS IS THE SECOND TIME I HAVE PULLED YOU FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF YOUR BAD DECISIONS!"

AS THE TOWERING WALL OF WATER SMASHES AGAINST THE ANCIENT, ROTTING BRIDGE!

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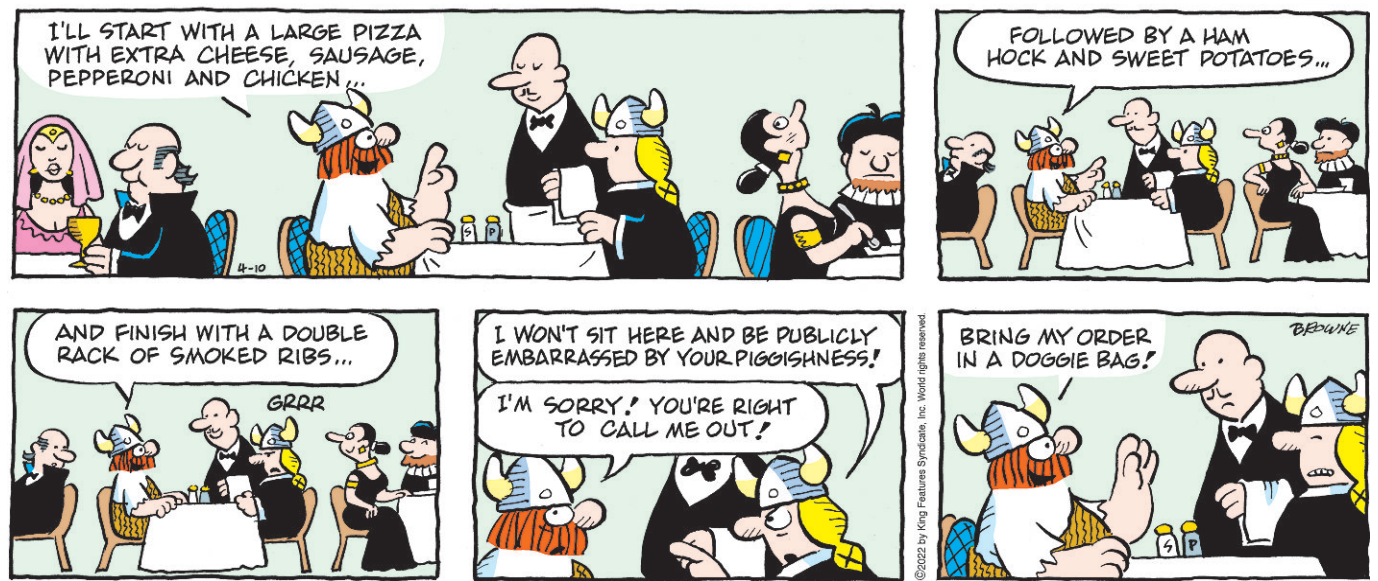
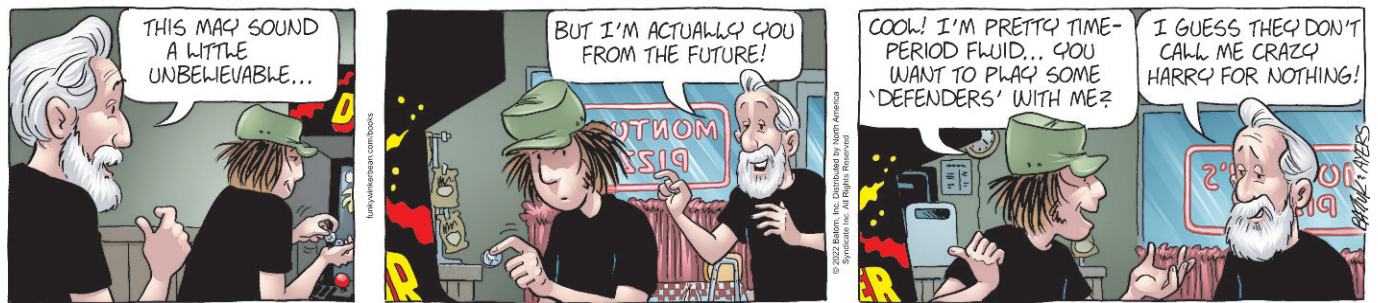
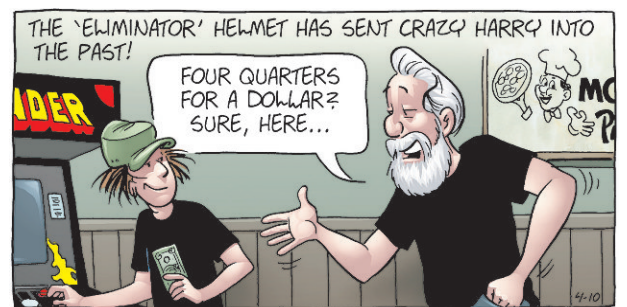
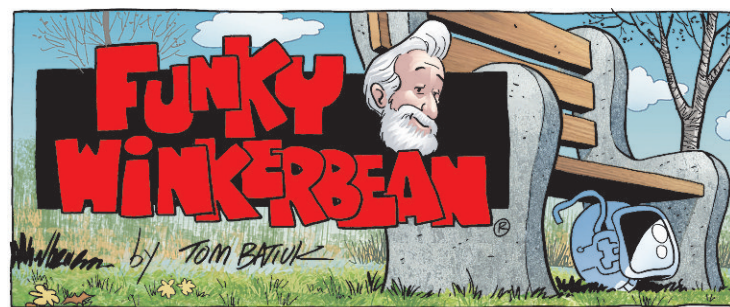
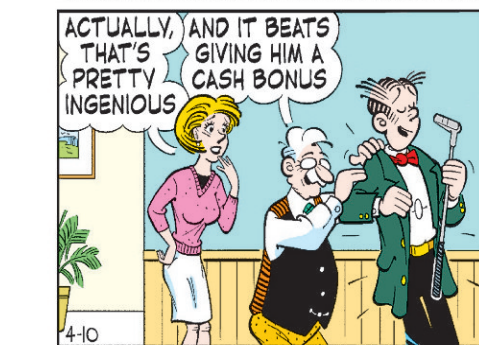
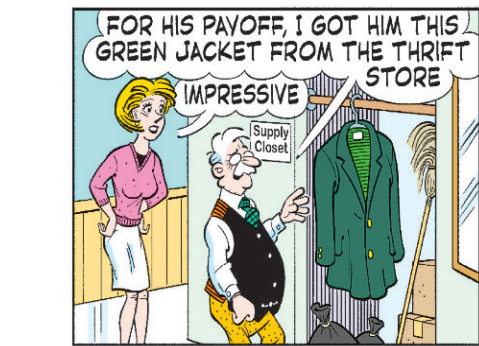
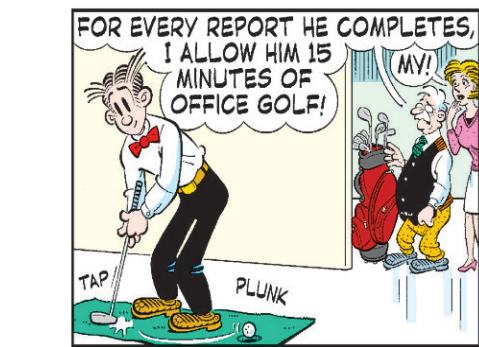
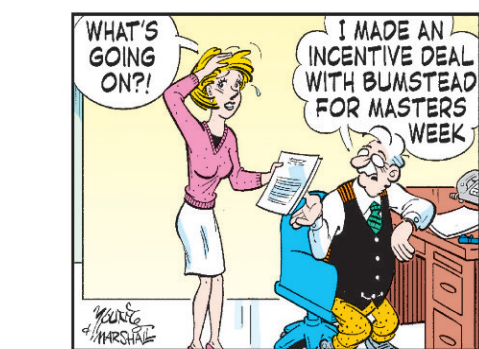
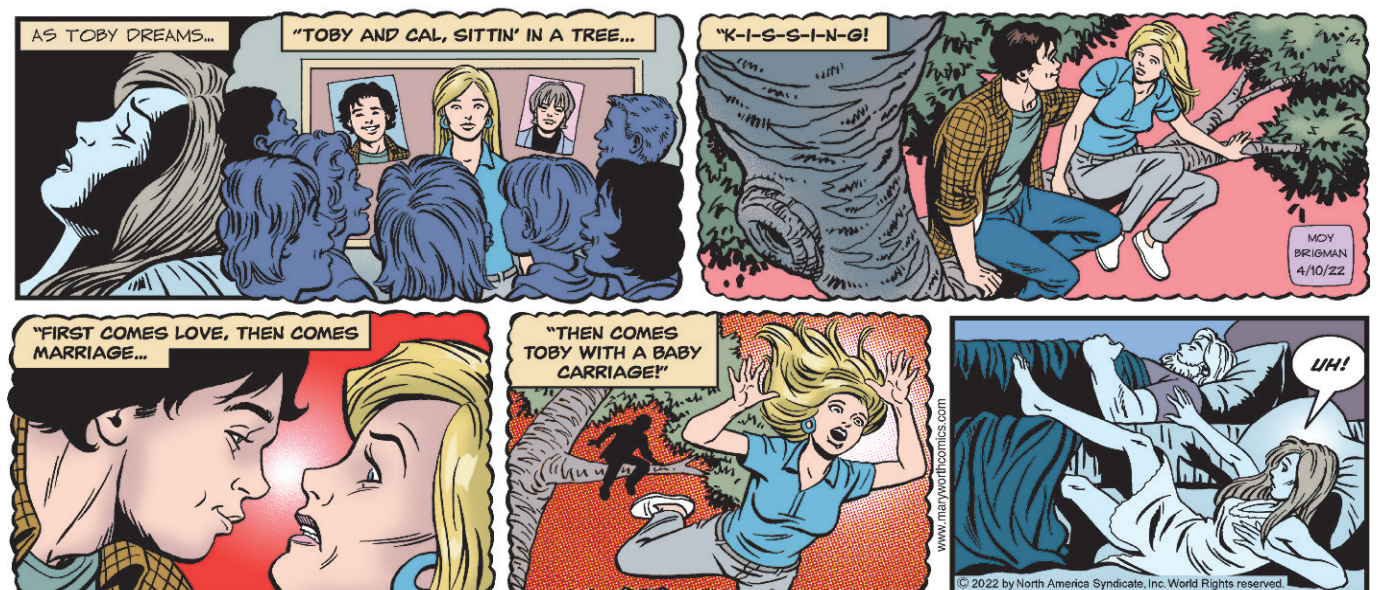
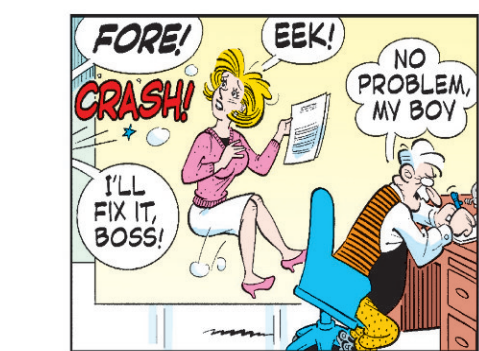
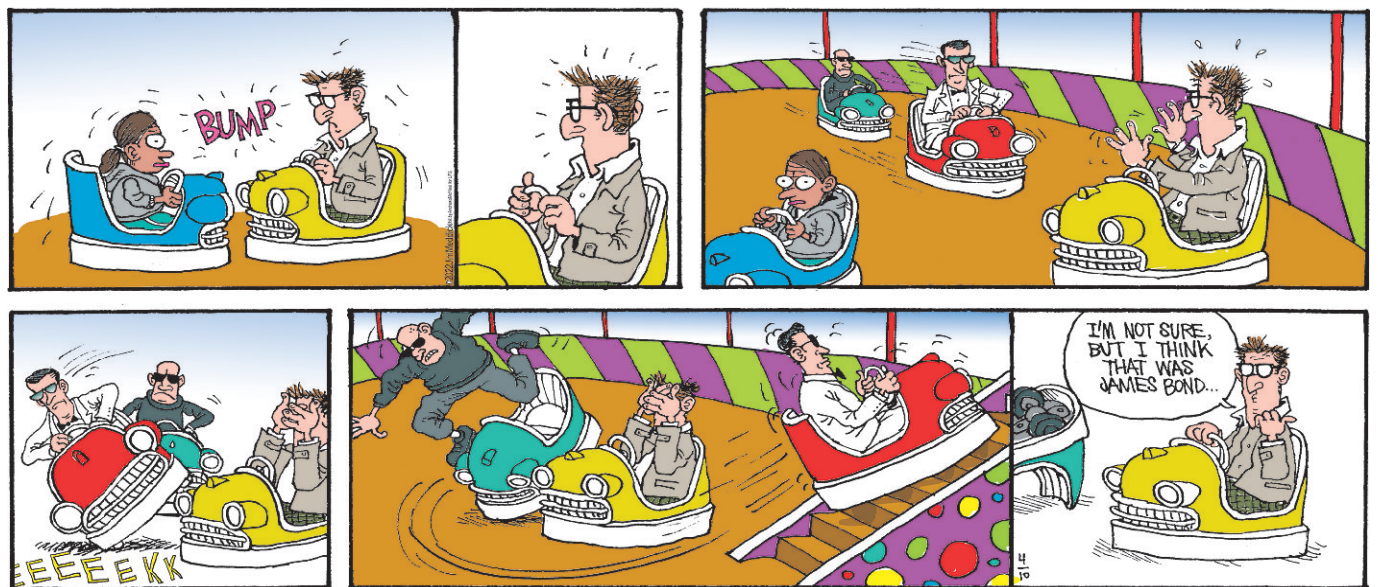
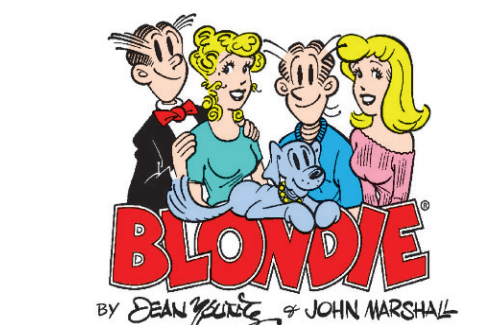
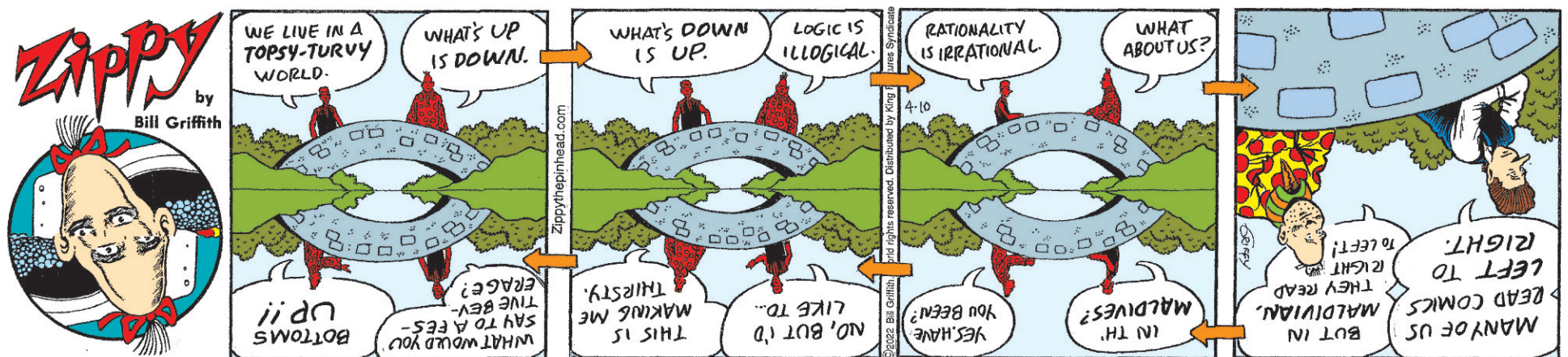
By Bil Keane

O. YEAH!

"O. YEAH!" (THE LAST-MINUTE "REMINDER") IS AWAKENED BY THE SOUND OF AN APPROACHING SCHOOL BUS.

I NEED A DOZEN CUPCAKES FOR THE SCHOOL BAKE SALE TODAY!

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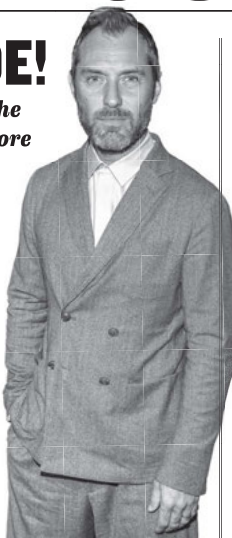
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HEY, JUDE!

Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore

(April 15 in theaters)

features **Jude Law**, 49, once again as wizarding master Professor Albus Dumbledore. Here are some fun facts about the twice-Oscar-nominated London-born actor, named after the Beatles song "Hey Jude."



He dropped out of school at age 17 to star in the British daytime soap *Families*.

► Law has no problem with nudity. "My friend **Ewan McGregor** and I are starkers in most of our films," he says.



He has kept the shirts worn by his characters in their death scenes from *The Talented Mr. Ripley*, *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* and *Gattaca*.



◀ He has twice played roles previously acted by another Englishman, Michael Caine, in *Alfie* and *Sleuth*.

He drank 10 cans of Coke a day to gain weight for his role as a safecracker ex-con in the 2013 comedy-crime film *Dom Hemingway*.

The tattoo of a fish on his left forearm covers an old tattoo of words from the Beatles song "Sexy Sadie," which he'd gotten for his now-ex-wife, Sadie Frost.

WALTER SCOTT ASKS...

LILI TAYLOR

The *American Crime*, *Mystic Pizza* and *I Shot Andy Warhol* actress, 55, goes West in *Outer Range* (April 15 on Amazon Prime Video). She plays Cecilia, the wife of a modern-day rancher, Royal Abbott (Josh Brolin), who makes a baffling discovery with mystical implications on his Wyoming spread.

What can you share about the mysterious hole Royal finds on the Abbott Ranch? It's a void. And I think anytime you come up against a void, by its very nature, it's mysterious and unknown. Sometimes you just have to hang tight and trust that it's going to reveal itself. And it does, by the end.

Tell us about your character, Cecilia. She's religious but also spiritual, and she has a strong faith. She's very practical, innovative and resilient, with a live-and-let-live attitude, which is kind of a grace, in a way. It's not an easy thing to have.

What was it like filming on a ranch? It was fantastic. The series captures the beauty of the landscape—the open air, the space, the elements. I felt all that when we were filming; it's hard not to when you're on 100,000 acres. There's no way around feeling the wind and the cold and seeing the space.

How does your upcoming Audible play, *The Fever*, translate from a theater piece to audio-only? Wally Shawn is the playwright, and a few of his other plays have been [turned] into podcast or audio series. It translates really well because it's like an inner monologue. It's one character, it's one day, she's reflecting and she has a fever. She's sick, so she's in a more heightened state. I think it's going to be fantastic.



Visit [Parade.com/lili](https://www.parade.com/lili) to find out why Taylor thinks *Mystic Pizza* remains popular today.



VANCE HITS THE 'STREET'

Courtney B. Vance stars in the new thriller series *61st Street* (April 10 on AMC and AMC+). The former star of TV's *Law and Order: Criminal Intent* plays Franklin Roberts, a public defender about to retire when he gets pulled back into Chicago's infamously corrupt justice system for a case that threatens to unravel the police department's imperial code of silence. "It's the pull between knowing that his wife [Aunjanue Ellis] is right—that he promised to be at home—and doing what he felt was necessary for a young man whose life was on the line," says Vance, 62, a Tony-winning Broadway actor who also has appeared in films such as *The Mummy*, *Space Cowboys* and *The Preacher's Wife* and on TV's *Lovecraft Country*, *Scandal* and *Masters of Sex*.



KIDMAN EXPLORES WOMANHOOD

What's it like to be a woman in today's world? If you're **Nicole Kidman**, 54, it means you star in the darkly comic feminist anthology *Roar* (April 15 on Apple TV+), based on a book of short stories by Cecelia Ahern. The *Big Little Lies* actress, Oscar-nominated for her role as Lucille Ball in *Being the Ricardos*, also produces. She's joined by an all-star cast (including Cynthia Erivo, Merritt Wever and Alison Brie) in half-hour stories about contemporary women in today's world as they deal with issues ranging from marriage and child-raising to politics and careers. "Nicole's a smarty-pants weirdo who also happens to be a giant movie star," say creators Liz Flahive and Carly Mensch. "She championed every story we wanted to tell."



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Two young women in Paris are stuck in the Louvre in a Ground-hog Day-style time loop in Adrienne Celt's **End of the World House** (April 19, Simon & Schuster). **\$28**



How did one devious Wall Street financier survive the crash of 1929 and make his fortune?

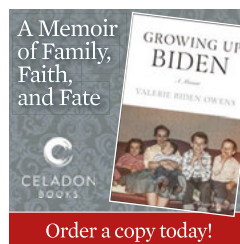
Four books within a book compete for the truth in **Trust** (May 3, Riverhead) by Hernan Diaz. **\$28**



A giant Pacific octopus (yes, octopus) and a widow working the night shift at an aquarium try to solve the mystery of her missing-at-sea son in **Remarkably Bright Creatures** (May 3, Ecco) by Shelby Van Pelt. **\$28**



Novelist Ann Hood captures the nostalgia of air travel in **Fly Girl** (May 3, W.W. Norton & Company), an entertaining memoir of her adventurous years as a TWA flight attendant. **\$27**



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—Don Vollmar, Oakdale, Calif.

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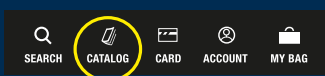


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THE MYSTERIOUS

C Nicolas Cage

The enigmatic actor talks to *Parade* about life, babies and the joy of work.

BY NICOLE PAJER

Nicolas Cage has a tune stuck in his head. It's from a Pepto Bismol commercial in which a flight crew serenades a woman with an upset stomach. Cage's joyful croon of "Diarrhea..." gets everyone grinning on the Los Angeles set of his *Parade* photo shoot and interview.

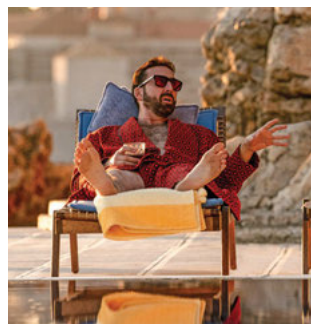
Making everyone smile is also his goal for *The Unbearable Weight of Massive Talent* (in theaters April 22). In the edgy comedy, he plays a fictionalized version of himself, contemplating retirement when he accepts \$1 million to attend the birthday party of a wacky fan. But Cage's character gets roped into a wild CIA mission, forced to become versions of various roles he's played. "It was a real high-wire act," he says. "I've never done anything like that before."

With more than 100 films on his résumé, that's a big statement. But Cage, 58, has a history of tackling diverse roles. His advice for young actors reflects his life view: "Look for the truth. Don't get stuck in a style."

A HOLLYWOOD KID

Cage—born Nicolas Kim Coppola—grew up in the Los Angeles house-

hold of mom Joy, a choreographer and dancer, and his literature-professor father, August. His extended family includes *The Godfather* director Francis Ford Coppola and actress Talia Shire (Cage's uncle and aunt) and his paternal grandfather, film composer Carmine Coppola. Among his cousins are actor Jason Schwartzman, Shire's son, and Coppola's filmmaker daughter, Sofia.



Cage in *The Unbearable Weight of Massive Talent*

In spite of what might look like a wonderful "Hollywood life," "my childhood was not perfect," Cage says. "My mother could be a real loon sometimes." He learned early to love escapism. "As a toddler, I would want to fall into the TV. I thought the

people inside were so much more interesting than the people in my living room." His father often took him to art-house cinemas, where he became captivated by the classic films of Orson Welles, and he devoured the Western films of Charles Bronson and the adventures of Bruce Lee. And at 15, he discovered James Dean, crediting the rebellious young actor with inspiring him to pursue a film career.

Before long, he changed his last

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name to avoid the appearance of nepotism with his famous uncle, drawing some of the inspiration for his new moniker from the Marvel Comics character Luke Cage.

He was 18 when he made his movie debut in 1982 with a minor role in the coming-of-age classic *Fast Times at Ridgemont High*, and since then he's amassed a formidable body of work in movies, both mainstream and offbeat. He takes his characters seriously and his preparations are sometimes extreme, like when he had two of his own teeth removed—without anesthesia—to play a Vietnam vet in *Birdy*. “It sounds a lot wackier than it was,” he says. “I had baby teeth that had to come out, so I figured I could utilize that.”



ROLE PLAY

Nicolas Cage was the opera-loving bread maker who falls in love with Loretta (CHER) in **MOONSTRUCK** (1987) and the treasure-obsessed historian in *National Treasure* (2004). He won a Best Actor Oscar for his role as a Hollywood screenwriter who heads to Las Vegas to drink himself to death in **LEAVING LAS VEGAS** (1995) and received a nomination for playing identical twins opposite Meryl Streep in *Adaptation* (2002). “It was probably the most acrobatic challenge as a thespian I’ve ever had, and I’m not even sure I could do it again,” he’s said. Cage portrayed a truffle hunter on a mission to find his stolen swine in **PIG** (2021). “She was really only interested in food, which is natural,” he says of his four-legged co-star. “And so that’s how we bonded—I kept getting her carrots and petting her and she liked me.”



have a problem with people calling me an actor. I was trying to say something about the process; it’s a spiritual experience.”

Unlike a lot of actors, Cage draws a line between home and his work. “I know actors who will break up with their girlfriends so they’ve got something to ‘play the character’ with. I don’t do that,” he says. And he never comes home in character. “I *did* do that in my 20s. But that doesn’t work for me; I can’t bring it home with me. When I’m done on the set, I’m done.”

Today when he’s done, he goes home to Riko Shibata, 27, his fifth wife, with whom he

For movies that shaped his eclectic career, he names the Coen brothers’ *Raising Arizona* in 1987 and the 1997 action film *Face/Off*. Some of his other projects, particularly *Leaving Las Vegas* and *Pig*, were like “lightning in a bottle. That happened only twice in 43 years of doing this, where everything came together very quickly and effortlessly, and nothing was forced.”

Cage wants to continue making all kinds of movies for all kinds of audiences. “That keeps me interested,” he says. “I’m at my best when I have a job to do. I’m healthier. I’m a better man when I’m working.”

A MYSTERY MAN

Some of the public sees Cage as a wild guy who makes unpredictable, unconventional acting choices—and sometimes imbues them with emotion that can veer into hyperintensity. “In the beginning, I was trying to make a big noise, get on people’s radar and be punk-rock to get a lens on me,” he says. Nowadays, he’s trying to “water down, since I’m 58, you know.”

There’s also a part of Cage that enjoys being a mysterious actor who has lived in a castle and a haunted house, had pet cobras and built his own pyramid-style tomb. “I kind of like the enigma; I want to be your very own American Loch Ness monster.” He smiles. “I don’t want to answer all the questions. Go ahead and wonder about it. Maybe that adds to the fun.”

He once said he would like to be considered a “thespian” rather than an actor. “I should have probably used a less highfalutin word than *thespian*,” he says. “I don’t

CAGE FAVES

Childhood crush “In first or second grade there was a girl with Buddy Holly glasses and a red vinyl raincoat. One day, she put her arms around me and hugged me and went, ‘I love you, Nicky.’ And then she never came back to school.”

Favorite childhood cartoon

“**FELIX THE CAT**. I loved his ‘bag of tricks’ and the way he would laugh with his hands on his belly. He was cool.”



Best advice I ever received

“I was visiting Charlie Sheen at his house before any of us really hit it. [His dad] **MARTIN SHEEN** said, ‘All that matters is, did you like where you were? Did you like the people you were working with?’ I’ve kept that as my mantra ever since.”



Favorite animal “My relationship with my Maine coon, Merlin, is pretty profound. So I would have to say the cat.”

Favorite tattoo “When I moved to Nevada, I created a Western yin-yang of the sun going through a palm tree and a rattlesnake coming up. I’m very proud of that tattoo.”

Actors I’ve always idolized “So many different ones for different things: **GENE WILDER**, **SIDNEY POITIER**, Jack Nicholson, Al Pacino, **MARLON BRANDO**, Jerry Lewis, James Dean.”

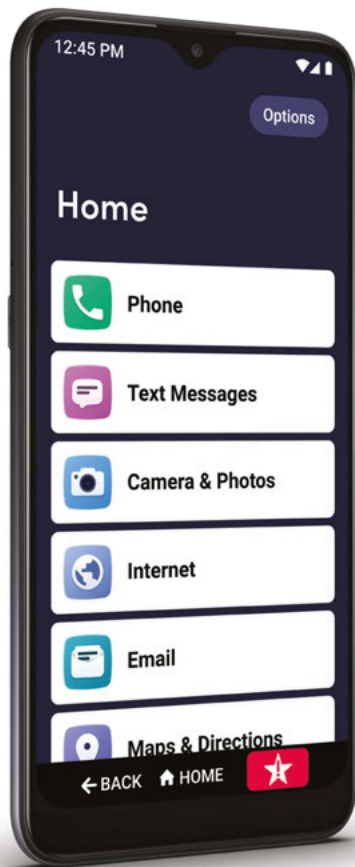


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recently celebrated a one-year anniversary. (He was previously married to Erika Koike, Alice Kim, Lisa Marie Presley and Patricia Arquette.) Cage liquidated several properties he once owned and the couple now lives in Las Vegas. His family life today is “everything I had hoped and dreamed for. I literally meditated on it, tried to conjure it up. And it happened,” he says.

LOOKING AHEAD

He and his wife are expecting a child in September, and Cage—already father to sons Weston, 31, and Kal-El, 16—is looking forward to being a new dad again. “I miss watching [a child] discover sunlight through a leaf on a tree or having a lobster on a dinner table for the first time—the shock and awe, like, ‘What is *that*?’” he says. He’s ready to spend his mornings in a rocking chair with his new child. “I find it like a meditation; you’re rocking and you’re singing,” he says, launching into a soulful rendition of “Three Blind Mice.”

Cage says he starts his days between 4 and 5 a.m., hopping onto an elliptical bike while learning dialogue before making breakfast. He also pals around with his cats and his pet crow, Huginn, for whom he built a giant geodesic dome. “He is very fun. He jumps up and down and flaps his wings like this,” Cage says, imitating his bird.

At work and in life, Cage says, “I never forget that I’m a student. I’m always looking to learn, always looking to go into that which terrifies me.”

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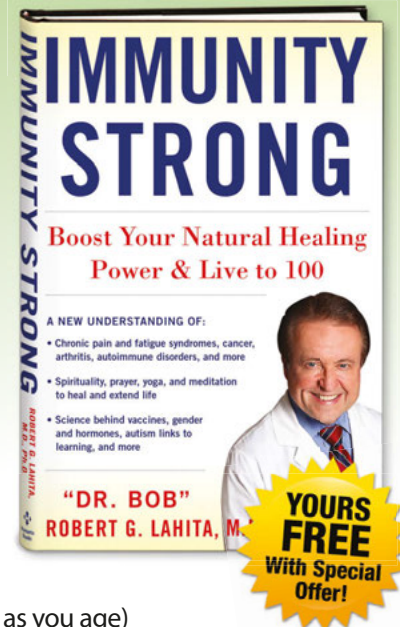
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GOOD NEWS ABOUT ALZHEIMER'S

Cases are tripling, but new research and interventions give us hope.

By Paula Spencer Scott

There's still no cure, and cases are expected to triple by 2050 to 152 million worldwide. So why are scientists and advocates upbeat about Alzheimer's disease (AD)?

"So many building blocks to disease-modifying treatments are coming together," says Cleveland Clinic's James Leverenz, a neurologist who directs the Cleveland Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health. "And we're better understanding why the disease varies from person to person."

Leverenz, who also leads the Cleveland Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (one of 31 NIH-funded Alzheimer's research centers), points to game-changing advances like these.

New blood tests tell who's at risk

Not so long ago, brain scans and lumbar punctures to collect spinal fluid were the only

ways doctors could see early brain changes associated with Alzheimer's. Now blood tests offer a less invasive, more affordable and (soon) more widely available option. The first, PrecivityAD, helps determine the presence of amyloid plaques in the brain, a disease hallmark.

Earlier interventions

Biomarkers like amyloid are improving how researchers screen study subjects and flag patients for early treatment. For example, scientists are combining other new blood tests, such as one for another protein called tau, with genetic and cognitive testing to predict who's at high risk.

"We're identifying people with the disease at its earliest stages, even years before they have symptoms," Leverenz says. The goal: finding interventions that prevent or delay any impact on daily life.

Personalized treatments

Many different types of dementia have been identified (like frontotemporal, vascular and Alzheimer's); now researchers are focusing on atypical Alzheimer's forms. These mystifying disorders have biomarkers that suggest Alzheimer's but symptoms seen in other forms of dementia.

"Just like cancer isn't just one thing called 'cancer,' dementia isn't one thing either. There are many subtypes, and each reacts to therapeutics differently," Leverenz says. Treatments will become increasingly individualized, he says.

Big data speeds research

Researchers can now analyze tens of thousands of de-identified (anonymous) medical records to find patterns associated with dementia. For example, Cleveland Clinic's Feixiong Cheng, Ph.D., found a statistical link between taking sildenafil (Viagra) and reduced risk for Alzheimer's. These artificial-intelligence-harvested clues don't prove associations but provide shortcuts to ideas to test.

The first drug to slow disease

The first disease-slowing AD treatment, aducanumab (Aduhelm), was approved by the FDA in 2021. Controversial due to its high costs, side effects and limited effectiveness, it's still a breakthrough because the five other Alzheimer's drugs only ease symptoms. Dozens of disease-modification clinical trials, along with an Alzheimer's vaccine, are in the pipeline.

Amazingly, 99 percent of AD drugs tested have failed. Researchers think they were intervening too late (after brain damage had occurred) or studied the wrong subjects (people misidentified as having AD because of poorer screening tests).

Pinpointing prevention

Exercise, sleep and, increasingly, having strong social ties are now seen as ways people can protect brain health. Exciting new research is looking at how the immune system and inflammation influence Alzheimer's, Leverenz adds.

"We're so much further along than we've ever been," he says.

Women & Alzheimer's

Two-thirds of those with Alzheimer's are women. So are two-thirds of caregivers. One in two women will be diagnosed with a neurological disorder in her lifetime (including Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and stroke).

"Women's health trajectories are different from men's. We're intent on figuring out why," says **Maria Shriver**, founder of the Women's

Alzheimer's Movement (WAM), a nonprofit blending education, fundraising and advocacy. In early 2022, WAM formally joined Cleveland Clinic. The partners had collaborated in 2020 on the first Alzheimer's prevention clinic for women.

"Twenty years ago, there was nothing about lifestyle or prevention. Now some researchers say 50 to 60 percent of Alzheimer's cases could be prevented or delayed," Shriver says. She's especially excited about research into hormones—should women take them, when, for how long? "The brain does change around menopause, I've always had a hunch, and WAM is [investigating] that," she says.



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